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STATISTICS

FROM THE

TOWN CLERK'S

REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DATE.		NAME.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPA'N OF FATHER.
January	4	Bertha Nancy Johnson,	F	Warren B. and Eliza J.	Paper Hanger.
"	7	Harold Trainor,	M	Edward D. and Josie	Carpenter.
"	11	Arthur Francis Forsyth,	M	Frank R. and Alice M.	Shipper.
"	12	Maud Louise Colley,	F	Fred W. and Della L.	Shoemaker.
"	12	Alice Bodwell Ward,	F	Chas. A. and Marion L.	Chemist.
"	16	Joseph Bernard Flynn,	M	Peter and Margaret	Tanner.
"	19	Joseph Henry Lawrence Lafayette,	M	Joseph R. and Emma L.	Salesman.
"	19	Claude Ashley Gove,	M	Frank C. and Bertha L.	Carpenter.
"	20	George Connors,	M	Michael and Delia	Shoemaker.
"	26	Lester Albee,	M	Edward P. and Mary	Shoemaker.
"	26	Raymond Pyne Campbell,	M	Edward C. and Jennie M.	Clerk.
"	25	Mary G. McConnell,	F	Felix and Josephine	Laster.
"	28	Paul Vincent McHale,	M	John and Mary A.	Laborer.
"	31	Cassie Ellen Hurld,	F	John and Mary A.	Currier.
February	3	Annie J. McCormick,	F	Martin and Catherine	Currier.
"	9	Mary Eveline Sweet,	F	Daniel D. and Mary A.	Currier.
"	21	Teresa Brogan,	F	Arthur and Jennie	Currier.
"	23	Mary Gertrude Loughlin,	F	James and Catherine W.	Coachman.
"	28	Dennis John Hurley,	M	Dennis and Mary	Laborer.
March	2	Martin Joseph Dempsey,	M	John H. and Teresa	Shoemaker.
"		Harold Ambrose Burke,	M	John J. and Agnes M.	Shoemaker.
"	6	Florence Rose Cullen,	F	John E. and Catherine	Shoemaker.
"	6	Russell,	F	Duncan R. and Maud M.	Laborer.
"	14	Agnes Josephine Marmaud,	F	Paul B. and Hannah	Baker.
"	15	Joseph Raymond McInnis,	M	James W. and Mary	Engineer.
"	16	Clarence Albert Russell,	M	Albert S. and Gertrude I.	Baggage Master.

"	19	Margaret Cogan,	F	Bernard and Mary	Manufacturer.
"	24	George Henry Finnegan,	M	Thomas H. and Alice E.	Currier.
"	26	Harold Chester Whiteway,	M	William H. and Annie L.	Shoemaker.
"	28	Emily Neilson,	F	Neil and Ida A.	Farmer.
"	29	Bridget Agnes McHale,	F	Thomas J. and Annie	Laborer.
April	12	Robert Joseph White,	M	John H. and Janet E.	Shoemaker.
"	14	John E. Gillespee.	M	James and Mary	Currier.
"	17	Gertrude L. Cody,	F	Garret J. and Ellen	Currier.
"	18	Sumner Oliver Richardson,	M	Warren O. and Georgia A.	Market Gardener.
"	18	Elizabeth Catharine Clinton,	F	John H. and Elizabeth	Shoemaker.
"	26	Norman Goldsmith Osborn,	M	John F. and Margaret L.	Teamster.
May	3	Louise Inez Nutting,	F	Herman and Ada	Cabinet Maker.
"	4	Lawrence Preston Worthen,	M	Frank W. B. and Carrie A.	Shoe Cutter.
"	4	Pace,	F	Amy A.	
"	8	Annie Porter Wallace,	F	George C. and Ellen F.	Shoemaker.
"	11	John Paul Fallon,	M	William J. and Nora T.	Teamster.
"	13	Charles Henry Stevens,	M	Walter E. and Lucy M.	Shipper.
"	13	Edward, Conley,	M	Charles H. and Mary F.	Shoemaker.
"	16	Helen Cogan,	F	James and Mary Ann	Manufacturer.
"	16	Mary Keating,	F	James and Ellen	Laborer.
"	18	Daniel Edward McPartland,	M	Miles and Mary	Currier.
"	18	Timothy Joseph McDermott,	M	Bernard and Lizzie	Currier.
"	18	O'Neil,	M	Lizzie	
"	19	Ralph Harold Carter,	M	Hanley and Mary	Engineer.
"	19	Gwendolin Owen,	F	Charles A. and Lizzie B.	Bookkeeper.
"	22	Roderick D. Ferguson,	M	Daniel R. and Maria C.	Shoemaker.
"	25	Helen Agnes Gooch,	F	John B. and Carrie H.	Collector.
"	25	Lester Mandel Healey,	M	Joseph A. and Addie	Saw Maker.
"	26	Helen Louise Carter,	F	Henry C. and Rosamond G.	Bookkeeper.
"	29	Gertrude Mary Finnegan,	F	Arthur F. and Mary E.	Shoemaker.
"	29	Helen Nichols Hale,	F	Walter R. and Clara H.	Sec. Y. M. C. A.
June	3	Marion Dotey Thompson,	F	William H. and Emma E.	Shoemaker.
"	5	Annie May Raymund,	F	Arthur P. and Helen A.	Shoemaker.
"	6	Edward Albert Neilson,	M	S. Albert and Hannah H.	Gardener.
"	6	Fannie Helen Meegan,	F	T. Henry and Mary A.	Contractor.

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June 9	Harold Francis Montague,	M	Thomas and Mary P.	Shoe Stock Cutter.
" 11	Andrew Doherty,	M	John and Ellen	Gardener.
" 13	Beatrice H. Trembly,	F	Frank E. and Annie G.	Shoe Cutter.
" 15	Lester Ellsworth White,	M	Charles E. and Lenora B.	Shoemaker.
" 26	McDonald,	M	Wallace W. and Susie G.	Currier.
" 26	Harriet Bernice Henderson,	F	Sylvanus B. and Harriet B.	Shoemaker.
" 27	Dorothy Gardner Stevens,	F	John H. and Jennie I.	Currier.
" 29	William James Hansell,	M	James H. and Addie M.	Manufacturer.
July 3	Margaret Previer,	F	Joseph and Della	Shoemaker.
" 6	William Joseph Flynn,	M	Michael and Bridget	Laborer.
" 6	Gertrude Lillian Smart,	F	Burton H. and Mabel L.	Shoemaker.
" 7	Margaret McHale,	F	James J. and Annie E.	Teamster.
" 9	Cornelius McGonagle,	M	Owen and Rosa A.	Currier.
" 11	Edward Whittier McKeen,	M	Herbert A. and Susan J.	Carpenter.
" 12	Woodman Walter Clough,	M	Walter and Sarah T.	Chemist.
" 13	Paul Radford Murphy,	M	John and Kate	Shoemaker.
" 22	Russell Sidney Colley,	M	Frank S. and Florence V.	Chemist.
" 22	Frances Morin,	F	Henry and Mary	Shoemaker.
" 23	Susie May Pool,	F	Charles H. and Helen P.	Shoemaker.
" 28	Mildred Lillian Bickford,	F	Edward T. and Lillian M.	Provision Dealer.
" 31	William Brackett Snow Jr.,	M	William B. and Elinor	School Teacher.
" 31	George Hiram Gray,	M	Arthur W. and Williamine I.	Shoemaker.
August 2	Gertrude Meagher,	F	Cornelius H. and Mary E.	Shoemaker.
" 4	Ieleen Elizabeth McDermott,	F	Thomas F. and Jennie L.	Shoemaker.
" 7	Philip Sheridan LeDuc,	M	George and Margaret E.	Shoemaker.
" 11	Gertrude May Newhall,	F	Frank E. and Margie A.	Shoemaker.

"	17	Esther Marion Jaquith,	F	Clarence E. and Carrie B.	Clerk.
"	21	Paul Henry Boyce,	M	Henry P. and Fannie M.	Manufacturer.
"	24	Willis Gould Holt,	M	Willis M. and Alice	Farmer.
September	7	Louise Marguerite Hodges,	F	George C. and Louise L.	Merchant.
"	12	Augusta Pierce Blair,	M	Joseph F. A. and Katie E.	Carpenter.
"	26	Mary E. McHale,	F	Patrick J. and Nora	Roofer.
"	27	Herbert Henry McGuire,	M	William D. and Bridget	Night Watchman.
"	29	Helen Elizabeth Daley,	F	Herbert G. and Mary E.	Salesman.
"	29	Dorothy Whiting,	F	Winthrop C. and Emily M.	Painter.
"	30	Willard Adams Hemenway,	M	Marcellus and Harriett	Harness Maker.
October	1	Doris Winslow Martin,	F	Edwin G. and Mabel H.	Policeman.
"	4	Walter Clayton Mallett,	M	Walter and Emma S.	Shoemaker.
"	5	Norman Lester Butler,	M	Medley and Margaret	Blacksmith.
"	9	Ada May Mears,	F	Albert F. and Blanche A.	Shoemaker.
"	21	Bernice Grace Studley,	F	Charles H. and Fannie E.	Rubber Worker.
"	25	Doris Eda Cutts,	F	Lewis C. and Eda B.	Clerk.
November	2	Paul Junkins,	M	Charles F. and Belle	Expressman.
"	6	Annie Elizabeth Willey.	F	Henry H. and Amanda F.	Teamster.
"	12	Buckley,	F	James and Susie	Shoemaker.
"	15	George Gardner Hinchcliffe,	M	George A. and Elizabeth A.	Salesman.
"	15	Louisa Armstrong,	F	Georgieanna A.	
"	21	Richard Crowley,	M	Daniel and Margaret	Currier.
"	25	Henry Lewis Hughes,	M	Melvin C. and Hattie L.	Salesman.
"	29	Hazel Houghton,	F	Oscar W. and Winnie	Wood Turner.
"	30	Helen Bockus,	F	Chester C. and Mary	Baggage Master.
December	6	Helen Louise Hamill,	F	Hugh and Mary E.	Clerk.
"	7	Duplin,	F	William O. and Maud I.	Shoemaker.
"	10	Helen Elizabeth Nason,	F	Amasa W. and Delia M.	Shoe Stock Cutter.
"	13	Alan Philips Child,	M	Irving C. and Hattie P.	Student.
"	19	William Emery White,	M	Lewis B. and Isadore F.	Expressman.
"	20	Grace Giles,	F	Walter A. and Alice	Barber.
"	20	Ruth Eloise Fuller,	F	Simeon C. and Mary O.	Foreman.
"	25	Henry James Crosby Jr.,	M	Henry J. and Elizabeth J.	Hostler.

SUMMARY OF BIRTHS.

Whole Number Registered	119
Males	59
Females	60

NATIVITY OF PARENTS.

	FATHER.	MOTHER.
Stoneham	22	19
Other Cities and Towns	58	50
British Provinces	15	19
England		4
Ireland	18	25
Sweden	2	2
Unknown	4	
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DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.
Jan. 6	Charles D. Harris,	Stoneham	23	Shoemaker
	H. Nettie Johnson,	"	19	At Home
Jan. 17	Thomas J. McNamara,	Stoneham	51	Tanner
	Cathrine Lyman,	Woburn	33	At Home
Jan. 17	Bartholomew Burke,	Charlestown	33	Laborer
	Nora Welch,	Stoneham	32	At Home
Feb. 3	Ernest H. Andrews,	Stoneham	22	Farmer
	Amy L. Teele,	"	24	At Home
Feb. 9	Frank E. Newhall,	Stoneham	20	Shoemaker
	Margie A. Hayes,	"	19	Operative
Mch. 28	Chas. H. Taylor.	Stoneham	48	Teamster
	Christina A. Young,	"	47	At Home
Apr. 7	Frank M. Jennings,	Stoneham	25	Coachman
	Frances H. Greenleaf,	Woburn	21	At Home
Apr. 7	William J. Flynn,	Stoneham	23	Laborer
	Flossie S. Hummill,	Melrose	17	At Home
Apr. 24	John G. Johnson,	Stoneham	27	Tanner
	Matilda Okeson,	Woburn	22	Domestic
Apr. 28	Arthur Lehman,	Revere	24	Conductor
	Carrie E. Forrest,	Stoneham	18	At Home
May 1	Edward H. Parker,	Reading	26	Machinist
	Daisy F. Davis,	Stoneham	21	At Home
May 7	Henry O. Child,	Stoneham	41	Florist
	Laura S. Heffren,	"	33	At Home
May 12	Patrick E. Fitzgerald,	Stoneham	29	Contractor
	Julia J. Rearden,	Arlington	22	Operative
May 12	Ernest C. Hitchcock,	Chelsea	21	Bookkeeper
	Evia M. Pomeroy,	Stoneham	20	At Home
May 17	William Justin Damon,	Medford	42	Sewer Builder
	May Eldora Neil,	"	38	At Home

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PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Stoneham, Claremont, N. H.,	Frank P. and Antencie E. Fred and Jennie L.,	J. Herman Whitmore.
Ireland, Ireland,	Patrick and Bridget, Patrick and Annie,	L. W. Slattery, Catholic Priest.
Ireland, Ireland,	John and Julia, Richard and Margaret,	W. J. Millerick.
Stoneham, Weston,	Alonzo and Margaret, Charles J. and Ellen,	J. Herman Whitmore.
Wakefield, Stoneham,	Frank E. and Carrie, Frank and Adeline,	Frank S. Adams, Minister.
Chelsea, Sumner, Me.,	Ezekiel and Louisa, Thomas and Desire A.	Sidney Lawrence, J. P.
Charlestown, Wilmington.	William and Susan, Beniah and Olivier,	Geo. E. Lovejoy, Pastor Cong. Church.
Wakefield, Melrose,	William and Anastacia, Hansen E. and Sarah,	Geo. B. Moore, J. P.
Sweden, "	John and Elizabeth, E. Kersen and Mary,	J. V. Soderman, Pastor.
Lynn, Stoneham,	Geo. H. and Lucy E., James and Caroline,	Elwin Hitchcock,
Newmarket, N. H., Stoneham,	Riley H. and Julia T., Rodman F. and Mary E.,	Rev. Henry H. French.
Stoneham, Topsfield, Me.,	Geo. L. and Fannie, Henry H. and Lucy L.,	E. B. Fairchild.
Winchester, Lexington,	Michael and Julia, Jeremiah and Mary,	James Reid, J. P.
Prescott, Stoneham,	Elwin and Hattie, Frank H. and Mary,	Elwin Hitchcock, Clergyman.
Wilmington, Ogdenburg, N. Y.,	Oreenus G. and Rowence, Amos and Tirence,	William F. Grant, Clergyman.

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May 17	Irving H. Bolles,	Stoneham	27	Druggist
	Eunice A. Bartlett,	Leominster	24	At Home
May 19	Charles O. Currier,	Stoneham	40	Druggist
	Susan E. Trull,	"	41	At Home
May 23	Irving C. Child,	Stoneham	19	Student
	Hattie Pearl Danforth,	"	17	At Home
May 24	Walter A. Giles,	Stoneham	25	Barber
	Alice G. Barker,	"	21	Stenographer
June 8	John Russell,	Moncton, N. B.	37	Clerk
	Mina Jamieson,	Boston	26	Clerk
June 13	Anders C. Christensen,	Stoneham	30	Florist
	Bertha S. C. Kliver,	Boston	32	Dressmaker
June 16	Jonathan L. Merritt,	Stoneham	70	Blacksmith
	Julia E. Taylor,	Malden	68	At Home
June 17	Frank J. Reynolds,	Lynn	25	Foreman
	Rose A. Cullen,	Stoneham	24	At Home
June 27	John McMullen,	Stoneham	31	Lineman
	Mary McEchern,	"	32	At Home
June 30	Clarence W. Houghton,	Stoneham	21	Steam Fitter
	Ina A. Newhall,	E. Bridgewater	23	Bookkeeper
July 6	Joseph W. Maidrand,	Stoneham	25	Painter
	Elizabeth Curry,	Malden	25	Domestic
July 7	Nathaniel M. Rugeri,	Stoneham	28	Barber
	Dora B. Steele,	"	24	Milliner
Sept. 1	Charles H. Hinkley,	Stoneham	54	Hotel Keeper
	Kittie LaHa,	Everett	34	At Home
Aug. 4	Joseph W. Potter,	Stoneham	23	Sole Cutter
	Harriet F. Forman,	Exeter, N. H.	23	Operator
Aug. 11	Fred C. Howard,	Stoneham	30	Merchant
	Susan E. Tibbetts,	Reading	23	At Home

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Ashburnham. Leominister,	Samuel M. and Harriet, Abel and Mary,	Geo. M. Bodge, Minister.
Warren, N. H., Sweden, Me.,	Ransom and Mary J. Thomas and Dorcas,	A. W. Littlefield, Minister.
Stoneham, "	Geo. J. and Sarah E. Chas. A. and Helen M.	J. N. Short, Clergyman.
Lawrence, Three Rivers,	George and Jane, Albert and Huldah,	E. B. Fairchild,
Moncton, N. B., Dallionsie, N. B.,	Stewart and Mary, William and Mary,	J. H. Pillsbury.
Denmark, "	Soren and Marie, Neils and Signe,	Chas. N. Pedersen.
Addison, Me., Wilmington,	David and Esther. Mucagah and Clarisa,	Rev. E. B. Fairchild.
Stoneham, "	James J. and Ada E. Thomas and Margaret.	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Nova Scotia, "	Michael and Sarah, Charles and Sarah,	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Keene, N. H., E. Bridgewater,	William W. and Lois R., Frank W. and Augusta,	Nathan B. Cook, Clergyman.
Montreal, Ireland.	Joseph and Constance, Thomas and Elizabeth.	T. J. Holland, R. C. Priest.
Boston. Portland, Me.,	Matthew and Charlotte, Jos. T. and Margaret J.,	Leroy S. Bean,
Bradley, Me., Gt. Barrington,	William and Elmira, James and Julia,	J. Wynne Jones.
Nova Scotia, Exeter, N. H.,	Henry and Helen, Cephas	William Words.
Stoneham, Malden,	James H. and Martha T., George F. and Eliza S.,	William F. Grant. Clergyman.

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Aug. 15	Alfred F. Cole,	Mansfield	39	Harness Maker
	Mary E. Stearns,	"	39	Operative
Aug. 16	Francis L. Whittier,	Stoneham	49	Editor
	Emma F. Mason,	"	48	At Home
Aug. 18	Harry F. Gibbs, Jr.,	Natick	22	Loc. Fireman
	Hattie E. Marshall,	Stoneham	19	Milliner
Aug. 30	Frank H. Middlebrook,	Stoneham	27	Clerk
	Catharine E. Ross,	Dorchester	24	Nurse
Sept. 5	Thomas J. Flaherty,	Woburn	24	Currier
	Theresa McDonough,	Stoneham	20	Rattan
Sept. 18	Thomas F. Breaggy,	Stoneham	24	Bookkeeper
	Julia Ann Connell,	Wakefield	25	At Home
Sept. 11	George N. Pierce,	Stoneham	33	Shoemaker
	Ellen T. Stockwell,	"	37	At Home
Sept. 15	Martin D. Sheehan,	Stoneham	26	Physician
	Lillie F. MacDonald,	Brookline	24	At Home
Sept. 20	Orin A. Stone,	Wakefield	25	Varnisher
	Mary G. Hemenway,	Stoneham	18	At Home
Sept. 23	Edward Crooker,	Stoneham	30	Shoemaker
	Agnes Julian,	"	28	At Home
Sept. 29	John J. Surette,	Stoneham	21	Shoemaker
	Delphine F. Doucette,	Wakefield	20	At Home
Oct. 12	Harry W. Cook,	Stoneham	28	R. R. Employee
	Edna F. Buswell,	"	20	At Home
Oct. 20	George W. Chesley,	Winchester	23	Clerk
	Louise Ethel Whittier,	Stoneham	19	At Home
Oct. 27	Harry R. McCombie,	Stoneham	27	Currier
	Addie May Harnden,	Wakefield	23	At Home
Oct. 29	Harold W. Byron,	Williamsp't, Md	25	Tanner
	Ione P. Johonnott,	Stoneham	21	At Home

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Camden, N. J., Mansfield,	John H. and Judith C., Wm. L. and Caroline W.,	Chas. E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
Stoneham, Moultonboro, N. H.	Ed. T. and Elizabeth J., Smith B. and Hannah C.,	Chas. E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
Plymouth, N. Adams	Harry and Clara, Geo. W. and Charlotte E.,	Chas. E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
Lindley, N. Y., P. E. Island,	Jas. H. and Margaret L., Owen and Annie,	Geo. E. Lovejoy, Clergyman.
Woburn, England,	Mark and Susan, Patrick and Mary,	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Newton, Wakefield,	William and Elizabeth, Peter and Mary,	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor.
Dorchester, Calairs, Vt.,	Nelson G. and Jessie, Albert S. and Fannie E.,	Chas. E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
Cleveland, O., Brookline,	David H. and Mary, James and Ann,	Rev. L. J. Morris.
Wakefield,	Orrin and Maria N. Moses and Ella,	Rev. Chas. H. Hickok.
Minot, Me., Nova Scotia,	Silas and Marcena, Martin and Angiline,	T. J. Renny, Catholic Priest.
Yarmouth, N. S., Nova Scotia,	Martin and Elizabeth, John and Frances,	Rev. J. E. Millerick.
Windham, Me., Stoneham,	Chas. H. and Ellen C., Edward F. and Clara F.,	D. Augustine Newton.
Prov., R. I., Holderness, N. H.,	William W. and Martha, Willie and Louise,	Charles E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
Bath, Me., Wakefield,	William and Emma, Frederick and Emma,	Albert P. Davis, Pastor.
Winchester, Stoneham,	Wm. D. and Harriet N., Amos E. and Alma,	Wm. F. Grant, Pastor.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.
Oct. 31	James A. Campbell,	Woburn	24	Upholsterer
	Celia Mansfield,	Stoneham	22	At Home
Oct. 25	Henry Smith,	Stoneham	26	Machinist
	Minnie M. Curry,	"	29	At Home
Nov. 1	Willie E. Whittier,	Stoneham	43	Merchant
	Annie Ervin,	W. Hanover	33	At Home
Nov. 2	Edward H. Francis,	Wakefield	43	Foreman
	Fanny Dulong,	Stoneham	34	At Home
Nov. 9	Harrison B. Alexander,	Stoneham	28	Baggage Master
	Marguerite Taylor,	"	20	At Home
Nov. 9	Francis C. Field,	Quincy	60	Ins. Agent
	Annie C. Bachellor,	Prov., R. I.	49	At Home
Nov. 18	Willard Massey,	Stoneham	31	R. R. Agent
	Nellie Gilmore,	"	31	At Home
Nov. 23	Elmer W. Prouty,	Natick, R. I.	24	R. R. Agent
	Edith M. Pearsons,	Stoneham	21	At Home
Nov. 24	Walter J. Kervin,	Boston	22	Gypsy Moth
	Florence M. Carlin,	Stoneham	22	At Home
Nov. 24	Michael McNulty,	Stoneham	52	Farmer
	Mary Doud,	"	37	Laundress
Nov. 24	John J. Glynn,	Stoneham	26	Book Binder
	Mary T. Hickey,	Wakefield	25	At Home
Nov. 25	James F. Moynihan,	Stoneham	32	Superintendent
	Marilla F. Lahey,	"	31	Operative
Dec. 3	George F. Davis,	Stoneham	49	Shoemaker
	Annie L. Hartshorne,	"	46	Dressmaker
Dec. 22	John E. Connell,	Woburn	23	Currier
	Sadie Flattery,	Stoneham	21	At Home
Dec. 25	Norris R. Herring,	Stoneham	24	Clerk
	J. Lena Macombie,	"	23	Dressmaker

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897

PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
P. E. Island, Shelburne Falls,	Chas. A. and Annie, George and Elizabeth C.,	Chas. A. Feyhl, J. P.
Wentworth, N. H. St. John, N. B.,	CharlesM . and Hannah, George C. and Jeanette,	J. H. Pillsbury.
Stoneham, Musquodoboit, N. S.,	Ed. T. and Elizabeth J., John and Mary,	Chas. E. Beals, J. P. Minister of Gospel.
England, Yarmouth, N. S.,	Thomas and Annie, Louis and Mary A.	C. H. Learnyd, Rector.
N. Y. City, Woburn,	John C. and Susan B. Ed. E. and Elizabeth M.,	D. Augustine Newton.
Boston, Stoneham,	Wm. A. and Elizabeth C., Roger and Catherine,	E. B. Fairchild.
Reading, Stoneham,	Isaiah D. and Mary J. Onslow and Abbie S.	J. Herman Whitmore.
N. Brookfield, Woburn,	John N. and Harriet E.. Jas. B. and Florence M.,	Geo. R. Dickinson.
Boston, Stoneham,	John and Ellen, Charles B. and Mary A.	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Ireland, Ireland,	Dennis and Ann, Patrick and Ellen,	H. J. Cleary, Clergyman.
Stoneham, Lawrence,	James and Ann, Cornelius and Bridget,	Rev. J. E. Mellerick.
Winchester, Melrose,	Cornelius and Abbie, John Jr. and Katharine.	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Salem, Haverhill,	Rodman and Judith, James and Sarah,	Chas. E. Beals, Minister of Gospel.
Woburn, Natick,	Thomas and Ellen, Patrick and Hannah,	T. L. Flanagan, R. C. Priest.
Guilford, Me., Dover, Me.,	John C. and Melissa, Charles A. and Ella,	Chas. E. Beals, Minister of Gospel.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.
Dec. 29	Walter S. Moody,	Stoneham	26	Dentist
	Laurette B. Lowe,	"	24	At Home

SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES.

Whole Number	61
Number of Widowers	11
Number of Widows	8
Average Age of 61 Males	31
Average Age of 61 Females	27
Oldest Male	70
Oldest Female	68
Youngest Male	19
Youngest Female	17

NATIVITY.

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Stoneham	9	11
Other Cities and Towns	40	33
British Provinces	6	9
England	1	1
Ireland	3	4
Denmark	1	1
Sweden	1	1
Unknown		1
	61	61

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897

PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OE PARENTS,	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Enfield, N. H. St. John, N. B.	Lewis J. and Luella L., Robert W. and Margaret,	J. H. Pillsbury.

Summary of Intentions of Marriage.

Whole Number..... 56

WHERE BORN.	MALES.	FEMALES.
Stoneham	7	10
Other Cities and Towns	39	31
British Provinces	5	9
England	1	1
Ireland	2	3
Denmark	1	1
Sweden	1	1
	56	56

DEATHS REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PARENTS NAMES.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
January 3	Nancy Ellen Trull,	57	2	11	Heman and Sarah,	Dropsy.
" 4	Ellen M. Healy,		7	11	Martin H. and Mary,	Tuberculous Meningitis.
" 5	Susana C. Osgood,	79	11		Peter and Julia.	Asthma.
" 7	Eva Kidder,	28	11	7	Harvey and Emma F.	
" 13	Josephine E. Coffin,	62	7		and Mary,	Chronic Rheumatism.
" 15	Francis F. Emery,	66	9	19	Francis W. R. and Mary B.	Arteriae Heart Clot.
" 19	John Brown 2d,	82	10	15	Unknown,	Asthma.
" 22	Elizabeth P. Hall,	64		12	Samuel and Mary A.	Cancer.
" 25	John Gilson,	74	4	12	Luther and Eliza.	Peresis.
" 26	Mary Edna Doherty,	13	10		Philip and Edna J.	Heart Failure.
February 1	Roxanna Wilson,	88	6	21	John and Mary,	Cinhosis of Liver.
" 3	W. Ward Child,	62	2		Oliver L. and Polly,	Chronic Cystites.
" 5	Sarah D. Hersam,	79	11		Samuel and Hannah,	Hemephlegia.
" 14	Catharine Gartland,	65			John and Mary,	Febroid Heart.
" 16	Joseph Hacking,	82			and Mary.	Influenza.
" 25	Sarah A. Leathe,	57			William and Elizabeth,	Paralysis.
March 3	Nathaniel E. Bruce,	35	8		Nathaniel F., and Harriet,	Pneumonia.
" 5	Catharine Brogan,			14	Anthony and Jane,	Marasmus.
" 5	Apphia E. Fuller,	79	6	13	Thomas and Mary E.	Old Age.
" 6	Harvy J. Chase,	59	10	30	Lorenzo and Judith,	Chronic Nephrites.
" 8	Edwin D. Hawkins,	55	7	19	Benj. F. and Eliza A.	Cap. Bronchitis.
" 9	Henry W. Green,	62	5	28	Henry and Abigail,	Apoplexy.
" 11	Viola B. Bancroft,	35	8	27	Pelatiah W. and Sarah E.	Pul. Tuberculosis.
" 15	Mabel A. Gray,	3	7	14	Arthur W. and Williamine J.	Uraemia.
" 15	David E. Waldron,	63			Elisha and Mary,	Heart Disease.
" 17	Sylvia A. Battles,	73	5	2	Allen and Phebe,	Pneumonia.

"	18	May Luella Hovey,	30			Charles H. and Mary C.	Phthisis.
"	19	Mary Edna Grant,	27			John and Sarah S.	Phthisis.
"	20	Margaret Cogan,			1	Bernard H. and Mary E.	Premature Birth.
"	21	Winnefred G. Haley,		8	10	James E. and Winnefred,	Catarrhal Pneu.
"	22	Sarah M. Thorp,	78	9	18	Cornelius and Susanna,	Influenza.
"	22	Teresa Callahan,	30	6	8	John and Mary,	Phthisis.
"	23	Mary Ann Davison,	64	10	14	Oliver and Mary,	Apoplexy.
"	24	Herbert L. Quimby,	25		24	Oliver L. and Elizabeth R.	Pul. Tuberculosis.
"	27	Robert E. Gray,	9	4	17	Arthur W. and Williamine I.	Meningitis.
April	2	Bridget McGrady,	82			Daniel and Ellen,	Old Age.
"	11	Rebecca F. Darling.	80	5		Benj. and Hannah,	Influenza.
"	13	Arthur P. Taylor,	17	3	2	Franklin B. and Mary A.,	Phthisis.
"	26	G. Ernest Fletcher,	18	9	2	George F. and E. Matilda,	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
"	29	Eliza Armstrong,	78			John	Consumption.
May	11	Josephine Frances McCarty,		10	13	Daniel J. and Fannie,	Basilar Meningitis.
"	12	Mary Murphy,	79	9		Michael and Catharine,	Pneumonia.
"	19	Elizabeth Daniels,	72	2	15	Thomas W. and Margaret,	Paralysis Agitaus.
"	28	Susan M. Richards,	80	11		William and Susan,	Heart Failure.
"	31	Annie Peterson,	59			John and Elizabeth,	Diabetes.
June	5	J. Edgar Frederick,	66	11	16	John and Aseneth,	Rheu. and Pneu.
"	7	Mary S. Cole,	17	9	11	Chas. V. and Eliza,	Consumption.
"	7	George Alfred McConnell,	3	7	11	Felix and Josephine,	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
"	23	Julia Mullaley,	60			Unknown,	Strangulation.
"	25	Charles Bucknam,	78	2	27	Edward and Sally,	Disease of Larynx.
July	5	Charles Francis Churchill,	47	11	9	Joseph and Catharine,	Cinhosis of Liver.
"	6	Hugh Reynolds,	60			Michael and Ann,	Pneumonia.
"	14	Isabella L. Gray,	51	9	26	Mathew and Mary,	Dropsy.
"	15	John Holmes.	71			Unknown,	Asthma.
"	20	John Kinnear,				Calvin and Cecil,	Still Born.
"	21	Mary Bernice Kelley,	24	2	7	Howard L. and Frances A.,	Phthisis Pul.
"	22	John P. Colahan,	80			William and Mary,	Chronic Cystites.
"	22	Mary S. Monahan,	23	6	22	Patrick and Ann,	Consumption.
"	23	Annie Josephine McCormick,		5	17	Martin and Catharine,	Marasmus.
"	30	Herbert L. Hanson,	27	1		Orland C. and Susan E.,	Consumption.
August	6	Flynn,				Patrick and Margaret,	Still Born.

DEATHS REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PARENTS NAMES.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
August 8	Martin S. Hopkins,	2	6	15	James S. and Margaret,	Meningitis.
" 10	John D. Hurley,		5	13	Dennis and Mary,	Entere Colitis.
" 12	Maria S. Winn,	76	1		Solomon and Sarah,	Paralysis.
" 16	Sarah J. Blair,	46	7		William F. and Margaret J.	Diabetes.
" 20	Charles A. Houston,	46	8	5	George W. and Louisa A.,	Apoplexy.
" 24	Horace W. Pearsons,	44	11	3	Willard and Mary B.,	Phthisis.
" 26	Andrew Hines,	61			Martin and Mary,	Phthisis Pulmonaris.
September 7	Rebecca Gove,	78	9	20	Joseph and Mary,	Sarcoma of Lower Jaw.
" 10	Abbie Gertrude Sweetser,	25	2	23	L. Sylvester and Sarah,	Typhoid Fever.
" 17	Thomas P. Murphy,	38	5	14	William G. and Margaret H.,	Strangulation.
" 17	Eliza Jane Gerry,	67	6	3	Robert and Hannah,	Dysentery.
" 26	Fannie E. Child,	48	4	15	George L. and Fannie,	Heart Disease.
" 29	Adelara Maidrand,	21	7	5	Joseph and Constance,	Consumption.
" 29	Catharine Hoban,	21	4		Thomas and Mary,	Phthisis.
Obtober 1	Espinalola,				John and Isabell,	Still Born.
" 3	William L. Peavey,	36	4	15	William H. and Abbie.	Tubercolosis.
" 8	Flora Ronco,	50		5	Samuel and Ellen,	Uterine Cancer.
" 14	William J. Flynn,		3	8	Michael and Bridget,	Pneumonia.
" 15	Annie E. Cullen,	25	4	15	Patrick and Bridget,	Mitral Stenosis.
" 18	Alfred G. Marden	56	5		Joseph and Lucy,	Chronic Diarrhœa.
" 23	George Cowdrey,	82	9	18	George and Mary,	Chronic Cat. of Bladder.
" 29	Francis Edwin Park 3d,	1	6	2	Francis E., Jr. and Etta R.,	Tubercular Meningitis.
" 29	Emily A. Perry,	60	2	9	Isaac N. and Mary,	Uterine Catarrh.
November 1	Margaret McHale,		3	25	James J. and Annie E.,	Convulsions.
" 6	Edward Murphy,	46	3	13	Bernard and Mary,	General Debility.
" 7	Margaret Halpin,	57		10	Patrick and Mary,	Lymp. Leukarmia.

" 9	Edward Albert Bucknam,	12	1	25	Wilton F. and Mabel A.,	Apendicitis.
" 13	Fredette,				Joseph and Fannie,	Still Born.
" 14	Keating,				William and Margaret,	Still Born.
" 16	Louisa Armstrong,			1	Louisa,	Asphyxia.
" 17	Henry J. Duplin.	20	11	1	William O. and Malinda,	Ac. Splenic Leukarmia.
" 21	Abby Allen,	84	7	21	John and Esther,	Frac. of Hip with Old Age.
" 24	William T. Brown,	33			Charles H. and Orianna,	Acute Meningitis.
" 25	David N. Emery,	64			Hubbard and Mary,	Bursting of Bloodvessel.
" 26	Jane F. Goodnow,	84	8	13	Luther W. and Hannah,	Obstruction of Bowels.
December 3	Cornelius J. Corcoran,	50			John and Catherine,	R. R. Injuries.
" 7	John B. Hovey,	77	3	24	Samuel and Lucy,	Valves of Aorta.
" 11	Howard L. Mugridge,	12			Frank L. and Addie V.,	Perotinitis.
" 14	Asenath Gooch,	78			Mark,	Heart Disease.
" 26	William B. Ramsell,	71	2	20	Charles and Rhoady,	Heart Disease.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS.

Whole Number Registered.....101
Males, (Still Born)..... 3
Females, (Still Born)..... 2
Average Age of 46 Males..... 42
Average Age of 55 Females..... 46

	MALES	FEMALES.
Number 10 years of Age.....	9	11
" between 10 and 20 years of Age	4	2
" " 20 " 30 " " "	4	7
" " 30 " 40 " " "	4	3
" " 40 " 50 " " "	5	2
" " 50 " 60 " " "	4	7
" " 60 " 70 " " "	7	6
" " 70 " 80 " " "	6	11
" " 80 " 90 " " "	3	6
	46	55

TOWN MEETINGS.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1897.

Myron J. Ferren was elected Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Mert W. Downs and George A. Rollins, Ballot Clerks and Peter J. Birmingham, William H. Gorham, Fred E. Kearns, Harry L. Buswell, Milburn Furbish, Robert K. Brown, William P. O'Hern, George A. MacFarland, Napoleon P. Bean, Fred W. Daley, Seth D. Allen, James C. Corcoran, and Charles S. Park having been appointed Tellers by the Selectmen in compliance with the election laws were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Under authority of the election laws the moderator appointed as additional Ballot Clerks and Tellers to assist in sorting and counting the ballots, all of whom were sworn by the Town Clerk, Charles J. Berry and Samuel C. Batchelder Ballot Clerks and Walter S. Keene, John McGrady, Jr. Gustavus Andrews, Charles B. Brawley, Clarence S. Lynde, James O'Loughlin, Alfred E. Best, Melzar H. Hughes and Charles S. Jewett, Tellers.

Voted. To close the polls for votes under Art. 2 of the warrant at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be until Tuesday, March 9th, 1897, to meet in this hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

At 10 o'clock in the forenoon the regular ballot box being out of order the Town Clerk provided another box to

receive the ballots, at which time the register indicated that 812 ballots had been cast.

The number of ballots given out was 1310 to men and 10 to women.

The number of names checked as having received ballots as counted by the Ballot Clerks was as follows: men 1310, women 10.

The number of names checked on the lists at the ballot box as having voted, as counted by the tellers was as follows; men 1310, women 10.

The number of ballots taken from the ballot box as counted by the moderator was as follows: men 1310, women 10.

All the ballots cast having been assorted and counted by the Tellers appointed for that purpose, declaration of the same was made as follows:

TOWN CLERK.

George N. Green	978
Frank Wood	1
Blank	348

George N. Green was declared elected and sworn by the moderator.

SELECTMEN.

William P. Fletcher	419
Sidney A. Hill	733
William B. Jones	427
Felix McConnell	376
William H. Sprague	743
David T. Strange	465
Stanwood G. Sweetser	465
Blank	332

TREASURER.

Fred E. Nickerson	994
Blank	326

ASSESSORS.

Wilson A. Bartlett	446
John Best	483
Frank Bryant	352
George W. Cromack	319
Herbert G. Daley	211
Edward P. Dodge	277
James A. Jones	530
John W Kelley	311
Warren E. Sweetser	240
William F. Walker	311
Blanks	480

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

John G. Beede	916
Silas Dean	995
George W. Goodale	500
George N. Green	792
M. J. Ferren	1
Blanks	756

CONSTABLES.

Otis Bucknam	931
Walter H. George	629
Lemuel S. Harding	499
John C. C. Small	707
B. H. Cogan	1
James J. Scally	1
Fergus Riley	1
Blank	1191

AUDITORS.

Fred H. Chase	707
Thomas S. Ireland	777
H. Irving Johonott	395
Blanks	761

COLLECTOR.

Arthur W. Rice	1016
P. J. Birmingham	1
C. O. Currier	1
Blanks	302

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George A. Gilbert	744
James B. Hawkins	380
Blanks	196

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY 3 Years.

Frank Bryant	811
George A. Hinchcliffe	698
Peter L. McCarty	1
P. J. Birmingham	1
Blanks	1129

TRUSTEE LINDENWOOD CEMETERY 5 Years.

Charles C. Dike	779
Fred E. Nickerson	1
Blanks	540

TRUSTEE LINDENWOOD CEMETERY 4 Years.

David T. Strange	853
William H. Sprague	1
Fergus Riley	1
Blanks	465

PARK COMMISSIONER 3 Years.

William H. Marden	985
J. J. Claffy	1
Blanks	334

SEWER COMMISSIONER 3 Years.

Willard Massey	811
E. H. Moore	6
L. L. Phinney	1
John B. Sullivan	1
J. H. Chase	1
D. T. Strange	1
Arad Gerry	1
Charles Drew	1
J. White	1
Blanks	496

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 Years.

A. B. Jenney	921
Blanks	399

"Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Yes	535
No	653
Blanks	132

Majority for No License 118.

Voted, To adjourn until Tuesday, March 9th, 1897.at 7 o'clock p. m.

RECOUNT OF VOTES CAST FOR DAVID T. STRANGE AND STANWOOD G. SWEETSER.

There having been a tie vote cast for the third Selectman, on petition of William H. Sprague and nine others,

the Moderator and Town Clerk in the presence of Stanwood G. Sweetser, David T. Strange, William H. Sprague and Sidney A. Hill on the fourth day of March, 1897, recounted the ballots cast for David T. Strange and Stanwood G. Sweetser for the office of Selectmen, which recount resulted as follows:

David T. Strange..... 470
Stanwood G. Sweetser... 466

and David T. Strange was declared elected and a certificate was issued to him of his election.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1897.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, who declared, on a recount of ballots which resulted in a tie as declared March 1st, that David T. Strange was elected Selectman for the year ensuing.

The Moderator appointed as tellers the following named persons: George A. MacFarland, Frank A. Walker, George A. Barrett, Milburn Furbish, James O'Loughlin, George A. Hinchcliffe, Clarence S. Lynde, Walter S. Keene, George W. Cromack, Alfred E. Best, Charles P. Brawley, Charles E. Jennings, Willie P. Hill and William E. Manzur.

Chose Charles W. Messer and Frank H. Reynolds undertakers for the year ensuing.

Chose Otis Bucknam Field Driver for the year ensuing.

Chose William C. Dustin Pound Keeper for the year ensuing.

Chose George N. Green Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

Chose Melzar Eaton, Oliver G. Fowle and George W. Cromack Measurers of Leather for the year ensuing.

Chose George N. Green, William B. Jones, Walter Paige, John McGrady, Jr., Measurers of Wood and Bark for the year ensuing.

Onslow Gilmore read the report of the Finance Committee which was received and laid on the table to be acted upon under Art. 5.

William B. Stevens for the Committee on Sewer Assessments, made a verbal report of progress which was accepted as such and the committee granted further time.

Voted, To accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

Voted, To accept the reports of all other town officers and committees as printed.

William B. Snow in behalf of the committee on new school-house near Fordell Park (so called) read the following report:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the town to consider the matter of a new school house near Fordell and Columbia Parks organized with William B. Snow, chairman and George W. Cromack, secretary. They have held four meetings, had personal interviews with land owners and residents of the section and respectfully submit the following report:

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee that the town should secure a lot and begin the erection of a school-house, as the section specified now has a valuation of some $200,000 dollars and of children now resident there, some twenty-five will be of school age by the time a building could be gotten ready for them, while there is every prospect that

the developement of the locality is to be immediate and rapid.

The committee further recommend that the town proceed to take by process of law the whole, or such part as may be deemed necessary, of plot numbered 5 (five) and bounded by Stone Avenue, Bellevue and Park Avenues, on a plan drawn June, 1893, and recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds, Book of Plans No. 81, a copy of which accompanies this report. The land appears to be owned by the heirs of the late Amos Stone, and a majority of the trustees of said estate have agreed that the price shall not exceed eight cents per foot. The plot contains 31,808 square feet and the centre thereof is located about 360 feet W by N of the corner of Green Lane and Franklin Street. The land will need little grading, is level, situated to the S. E. of the hill nearly opposite the residence of C. B. Melvin.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. SNOW,
GEO. W. CROMACK,
JOHN WALSH,
J. B. HAWKINS,
GEO. P. HAMILL.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on new school-house be accepted as a report of progress and that the recommendations be adopted so far as possible.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the following sums:

Salaries of Teachers, Janitors and Fuel	$16,400
Music	400
School Books and Supplies and School Incidentals	2,800
Secretary of School Com. and care of books	125
Tuition of Children	500
Superintendent	1,000
Water Closet Centre School House	1,300

Fire Department	$4,000
Police	2,300

Voted unanimously, That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in anticipation of the taxes of the current year and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted, To adjourn until Thursday, March 11th, to meet in this hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1897.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee appointed to investigate method of valuation and assessment of taxes by Edwin A. Vinton, chairman, stated that they had attended to their duty and that John W. Cawley, secretary of the Committee would submit their report.

REPORT.

Your committee appointed by the Selectmen, in accordance with the vote of the town, to investigate the matter of assessment and apportionment of taxes in the Town of Stoneham for the year 1896, have attended to their duties, and beg to submit the following report of their findings:

To ascertain the real cause of the present agitation regarding the valuation for the year, your committee have given a public hearing for the benefit of any tax payers who might have a grievance in regard to the valuation placed

upon their property by the present board of Assessors. A large number of citizens appeared before the committee and were given a full hearing. A stenographic report of all the statements made at this hearing was submitted and carefully examined by the committee after the hearing. After hearing the statements of the taxpayers, your committee granted a hearing to the Board of Assessors, for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of explaining, if possible, all apparent discrepancies in the valuations as set forth by the parties appearing at the first hearing. A stenographic report of this hearing was also taken by the committee and carefully gone over after the hearing was closed.

Your committee wish to say at the first, that the result of the two hearings developed the fact in their minds that it is almost impossible to assess property to the satisfaction of all parties interested. Your Assessors take on oath to neither undervalue nor overvalue the property of the town, and the committee believe that the present Board of Assessors have endeavored to fulfil the obligations of their oath to the best of their knowledge and ability.

It must be borne in mind that the present agitation of the subject of taxation in the town is due, largely, to the fact that at the annual town meeting the appropriations to the amount of over $100,000 were made and a great cry was raised on the part of the people that something must be done to keep the tax rate from being advanced to $25 per thousand.

We believe that the Board of Assessors were to some extent influenced by popular feeling in regard to a high tax rate increasing the valuation in so many instances for the present year. The committee believe however, that many of the increases in valuation for the past year are just, on account of the fact that previous valuations on the same pro-

perty have been very low. Careful investigation of the specific cases brought before your committee leads them to this conclusion. Undoubtedly, there are some exceptions to this rule, as that at the present time there is some property in the town which is overvalued and other property which is undervalued. Your committee believe, however, that the present method of assessing property is not the best, and that sometimes preceding valuations too often influence the judgment of the Assessors.

The investigation also developed the fact that small estates are assessed a larger amount in proportion to their cost than are the larger estates. This is due to the fact that the Board of Assessors make their valuation upon what they consider to be a fair market value for the property assessed. They argue that it is always easier to realize a larger amount in proportion to the cost on a small estate in case of sale, than on a larger one.

In regard to the assessment on incomes during the past year, your board have acted legally according to the interpretation of the law. The committee believe, however, that if any person having an income, is to be assessed, if possible all citizens of the town having an income over and above the amount exempt by law, should be assessed also.

Without going further into the general details of the subject under consideration, your committee would make the following recommendations or suggestions :

1st. That the tax rate never should be allowed to influence the mind of the Assessors in making their valuation of property ; that the property should be assessed for its real value and the tax rate be allowed to adjust itself according to the amount of money to be raised and appropriated.

2d. That more attention should be given to the valuation upon land rather than to valuations upon buildings, as

it is apparent that, in many instances, buildings are assessed for more than their real value, while they are constantly depreciating in value, and that many parcels of land are assessed for less than their real value, while in many cases the land is increasing in value.

3d. That it is an unwise policy for the town to pursue, to asssss the incomes of its business and professional men, as it is a very difficult matter to determine who are subject to the law in this matter, and as this policy would result in keeping away from the town people of means who might otherwise make their residence with us.

4th. That all property should be assessed at a fair value, and that if property worth $2,400 is assessed for say $2,000, property worth from $10,000 to $15,000 should be assessed in the same proportion.

5th. After careful investigation, your committee believe and would recommend that maps should be made, showing the location of all property upon the various streets of the town, giving area of the same, said maps to be used for the purpose of assessing property. Careful inquiry has been made in towns and cities that have maps for the use of their assessors and their reply has been in every instance, that such maps have been of great value in the assessment and apportionment of taxes.

6th. That a new valuation of the town should be made, without regard to the present or past valuations, taking Central Square as a centre, and grading property to the outskirts of the town, having in view the location of property with regard to sewer privileges and street car facilities.

7th. That the Board of Assessors beginning with the year 1898, be elected for the terms of one, two and three years respectively, thereafter electing one Assessor each year to serve for the term of three years.

This will result in giving to the town the benefit of the experience of two old Assessors on the board, which we believe will be of great value.

8th. That when the town, at its annual meeting votes to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000 or more, to be levid on a valuation of $1,000,000, its citizens will be liable to complain of either a high valuation or a high tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. VINTON,
JOSEPH MEASURES,
JOHN W. CAWLEY.
Committee.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the following sums:

Highway	$4,000
Highway Contingent	750

Voted, To reconsider the vote passed March 9, 1897, whereby it was voted, "To raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300 dollars for the purpose of building a water closet in the Centre School-house.

Voted, To appropriate from money now in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of $600 for the purpose of building a water closet in the Centre School-house.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the following sums:

Water Closet Centre School-house	$ 700
Street Lighting	3,000
Poor	5,000
Hydrants	2,645
Lindenwood Cemetery	400
William Street " and Old Burying Ground	75
Town Debt	6,000
Interest on Town Debt	4,000
Payment of Sewer Bonds	4,000

Interest on Sewer Bonds	$3,440
Decorations of Soldier's Graves	250
Military Aid	200
Soldier's Relief	2,500
Public Library Incidental Expenses and money received for License of Dogs	350
Public Library New Books	300
Town of Wakefield	302.22
Board of Health	200
Printing Town Reports	425
Concrete Gutters and Walks	200
Incidentals	4,500
Salaries, Selectmen	500
" Assessors	600
" Overseers of the Poor	200
" Auditors	150
" Collector	500
" Treasurer	400
" Town Clerk	600
" Moderator	25
" Other Town Officers and Com	650
" Counsel	400

Voted, That William B. Stevens, Onslow Gilmore, Stephen P. Finnegan, Charles H. Drew, Myron W. Messer, Frank B. Jenkins, John W. Cawley, Edwin A. Vinton, Thomas Harrison, Edward R. Seaver and John B. Tidd serve as Finance Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, To authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Voted, To accept the following:

LIST OF JURORS.

Abbott, David A.
Allen, Seth D.
Bardwell, Simeon F.
Baldwin, Micah B.
Bancroft, Walter C.
Bartlett, Wilson A.
Boyce, Charles M.
Brown, Robert R.
Butler, William
Buck, Charles
Best, Alfred E.
Briggs, William H.
Brown, Byron C.
Chase, Alfred A.
Cowdrey, William F.
Cromack, George W.
Carby, Charles A.
Colby, Edmund A.
Cloutman, Eliphalet,
Dodge E. Porter,
Gerry, Lyman
Hill, Aaron
Hersam, Isaac F.
Hawkins, Lorenzo D.
Hadley, William F.
Hurd, Mathew L. P.
Hurd. Winfield S.
Hanscom, Joseph
Hersam, Reuben M.
Hibbard, John C.
Hopkins, Henry L.
Johnson, Otis P.
Dunbar, Samuel
Doucette, Joseph F.
Downs, Moses
Durfee, Orange M.
Drew, Charles H.
Dane, Henry H.
Delano, Horace O.
Emerson, Orin
Emery, T. Fred
Eastman, Orin C.
Eaton, Melzar
Finnegan, Stephen P.
Furbish, Milburn
Foster, Ward L.
Fowle, Oliver R.
Frederick, Omar O.
Frederick, Alonzo L.
Gorham, William H.
Gerry, Arad
Gerry, Lyman
Lincoln, James M.
Marsh, George W.
Meade, Maurice
Martin, Edwin G.
Munger, Levi J.
Newhall, Nelson A.
O'Loughlin, James
Parker, Dexter
Parker, Nelson
Parker, Arthur L.
Scally, James J.
Small, John C. C.

Jones, James A.	Smith, Albert J.
Johnson. Benjamin F.	Sprague, A. Osborn
Jones, William R.	Sprague, William H.
Jenkins, Frank A.	Teele, Herman C.
Kimball, James D.	Tibbetts, Arthur H
Kinsley, Charles E.	Tibbetts, George E.
Kenson, George E.	Trull, Samuel C.
Lawrence, Eben B.	Waitt, E. Bryant
Lewis, Otis J.	Wiley, Joseph E.
Paige, Moses	Webber, Samuel
Perkins, Charles A.	Whittemore, Frank P.
Lamson, John F.	Walker, William F.
Latham, Andrew J.	Weston, Milton P.
Leeds, Joseph W.	Young, George W. P.
	Young, William H.

Voted, To grant the free use of Armory Hall to Post 75, G. A. R., six evenings in the coming year, when not otherwise engaged.

Voted, To change the name of Green's Lane to Perkins Streets.

Voted, To accept the street known as Albion Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept a new street from Maple Street through land of A. H. Cowdrey to Hancock Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted, That the Sewer Commissioners be instructed to continue and complete the sewerage system under estimates No. 1 and No. 2, in the sections of the town bounded on the north by Hancock Street, on the east by Main Street, on the South by Marble Street, on the west by Congress Street and the Commissioners are hereby instructed to see that the contract is carried out.

Voted. To locate a hydrant at the corner of Winthrop and Park Streets.

The above vote being doubted, the question was again tried by a count of hands and was lost.

Voted, That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, To discontinue construction of any of the sewerage system under Section 1 and 2 of the Engineers Report, except as already voted and contracted for.

Voted, To amend Article IX of the By-Laws by adding the following:

Sect. 3. No person shall in any public way, throw any snowball, stone or other substance, or engage in any amusement, game or exercise, interfering with the free and convenient use of such public way. No person shall promote or encourage the fighting of birds or animals in any public way.

Veted, To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1897.

By reason of the unavoidable absence of the Town Clerk, the meeting was called to order by Sidney A. Hill, Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, who declared the polls open for the election of a Town Clerk pro tempore as provided in Chap. 417, Sec. 285 of the Acts of 1893, and appointed Walter S. Keene and Hugh Hamill to attend the check list.

Voted, To close the polls for clerk pro tempore.

All the ballots cast for clerk pro tempore having been

assorted and counted, declaration of the same was made as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast..... 7

All of which were for George W. Cromack who was declared elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties.

The clerk pro tem read the warrant for the meeting and declared the polls open for choice of moderator.

Voted, To close the polls for moderator.

The ballots cast for moderator having been assorted and counted, the clerk declared Myron J. Ferren elected to that office who was sworn by the clerk.

Voted, That the Town do build a sewer from the Metropolitan Sewer on Wyoming Avenue, through Wyoming Avenue and Pond Street; from Pond Street across land of the Metropolitan Park Commissioners to Ravine Road and upon Ravine Rood to a connection with a sewer of the Trustees of the Langwood Park Land Company; Provided, That the Trustees of the Langwood Park Land Company pay one half of the expenses of the main sewer.

Voted, To adopt the following by-law.

JUNK AND SECOND HAND ARTICLES.

Section 1. No person shall be a dealer in, or keep a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles, unless licensed by the Selectmen, and no license shall be granted except to a resident of the town.

Section 2. Every person dealing in such articles, or keeping such a shop, shall keep a book in which he shall record at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description of the same, with the name, apparent age and residence of the party from whom, and the day and hour when he so received it. This book shall at all times

be open to the inspection of the Selectmen, or any police officer.

Voted, To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING.

STONEHAM, AUGUST 12, 1897.

J. Alden Stockwell elected moderator.

The following persons were sworn by the Town Clerk into the respective offices named, having been appointed in accordance with law, by the Selectmen.

Ballot Clerks, Samuel C. Batchelder, John W. Kelley.

Deputy Ballot Clerk, William H. Briggs.

Tellers, Charles F. Brown, J. Frank Doucette.

After which the Town Clerk delivered the ballots to the Ballot Clerks taking a receipt for the same, after which the polls to receive the ballots in answer to the question, "Shall Chapter 473 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1897, being an act entitled, "An Act to supply the Town of Stoneham with water," be accepted? were by the moderator declared open.

Voted, To close the polls at 6 o'clock p. m.

Voted, That further action on the remaining articles of this warrant be adjourned until 7.30 p. m.

At 6 o'clock p. m. it was voted to close the polls.

All the ballots cast having been assorted and counted declaration of the same was made as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast	264
Yes	262
No	1
Blank	1

Yes having received the highest number of votes cast and a sufficient number as required by law, it was declared that the town had voted to accept Chap. 473 of the Acts of the year 1897.

Voted, To adjourn until 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 1897.

William H. Sprague read the following agreement:

BOSTON, AUGUST 11TH, 1897.

At a meeting or the Selectmen of Stoneham with a committee of the Metropolitan Park Commissioners at the office of the latter, Wednesday, August 11th, the following understanding was reached:

1st. The Selectmen of Stoneham shall obtain authority of the town and necessary appropriations to put in good repair as gravel roads, well-rounded and drained, by cleaning gutters and providing suitable cut outs into adjoining Park lands, the following streets: South, Pond, Ravine and Woodland Roads, wherever they abut park lands, it being understood that the gravel shall be taken from convenient banks in the park lands.

2d. These roads and Main Street from South Street to the Medford line shall be transferred to the care of the Metropolitan Park Commission, and Main Street shall be well graded and put in first class condition by said Commission, and thereafter all the roads so transferred shall be kept in repair at the expense of the Metropolitan Park Commission.

3d. The Selectmen and Park Commission shall unite

in petitioning the Highway Commission to change its expenditure of $5000 allotted to work on Main Street from Medford line towards South Street, to the portion of Main Street outside the Park line, from South Street towards Marble Street.

Voted, That the subject matter of Art. 4 be referred back to the Selectmen, with instructions to call a town meeting in the near future, with an article in the warrant under which the town can properly act upon the agreement of the Park Commission made with the Selectmen.

Voted, To authorize and direct the Sewer Commissioners to notify Messrs. Quimby & Ferguson to discontinue work upon the sewers which they contracted to build as provided by the contract, dated May 21st, 1896, and authorize said Commissioners to complete said work as provided for in said contract, the engineer being of the opinion and having so certified in writing as provided in said contract, that said work, or a part thereof, is unreasonably and unnecessarily delayed.

Voted, That the town do instruct the Selectmen to take or purchase a lot of land for school purposes in the vicinity of Fordell and Columbus Parks.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to purchase the Stone heirs lot at a price not exceeding $3,400, provided the Stone heirs will give a guarantee to give a clear title to the lot already sold by them, and also to the lot now owned by them.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of thirty-four hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing the lot offered by the Stone heirs for school purposes.

Voted, To accept the generous gift of Mr. Levi S. Gould, of Melrose, to the town, of the lot of land on Pleasant Street adjoining the old burying ground.

Voted, That the Town extend to Mr. Gould a vote of thanks for his gift.

Voted, To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING.

August 19th, 1897.

George W. Cromack was elected Moderator.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of $5000 to put in repair South and Pond Streets, Woodland Road and Ravine Road, provided the Metropolitan Park Commission and the State Highway Commission keep their agreement with the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept the report of the Selectmen.

Voted, Not to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for the construction of the State highway leading from South Street north to Marble Street.

Voted, To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING.

October 12th, 1897.

J. Alden Stockwell was elected Moderator.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to settle or defend the suit for damages of Christina A. Fitzgerald as they deem for the best interests of the town.

Voted, That the town authorize the Selectmen, acting for the town, to assume all liability for any and all damages or claims whatever of abuttres who have not already releas-

ed, caused by change of grades, taking of land or the extension of slopes on embankments, or excavations on Main Street, from Marble Street, south to South Street, said part of Main Street to be built by the State Highway Commission, and to be forever after under the care of the State.

Voted, To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2D, 1897.

Meeting called to order by William H. Sprague, chairman of the Selectmen.

The following persons who had been previously appointed by the Selectmen in accordance with the law, were announced by the chairman to serve as Ballot Clerks and Tellers, all of whom were sworn by the Town Clerk.

BALLOT CLERKS.

Robert K. Brown, Harry L. Buswell, Thomas Grady, William P. O'Hern.

TELLERS.

Clarence S. Lynde, John McGrady, Jr., Samuel C. Batchelder, George A. Rollins, William F. Hadley, Daniel E. Quinlan, Herbert H. Richardson, Frank P. Hamill, Alfred E. Best, Charles P. Brawley, Fred H. Chase, Patrick J. Murray, George A. Hinchcliffe, Frank J. Walsh.

Voted, To close the polls at 4 o'clock p. m.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, the chairman declared the polls closed, in accordance with the vote previously passed, at which time the ballot box registered 792.

The list at the gate had 785 names checked of persons who had received ballots.

The list at the ballot box had 785 names checked of persons who had voted.

The number of ballots given out was 785.

The number of ballots taken from the ballot box was 785, as counted by the chairman.

All the ballots cast having been sorted and counted by the Tellers, appointed for that purpose, declaration of the same was made by the chairman as follows:

GOVERNOR.

John Bascom, of Williamstown	17
Thomas C. Brophy, of Boston	38
William Everett, of Quincy	22
George Fred Williams, of Dedham	151
Roger Wolcott, of Boston	526
Blank	31

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Edward A. Buckland, of South Hadley	45
Christopher T. Callahan, of Holyoke	136
James E. Cotter, of Hyde Park	26
W. Murray Crane, of Dalton	509
Willard O. Wylie, of Beverly	20
Blank	49

SECRETARY.

Addison W. Barr, of Worcester	46
Charles D. Nash, of Whitman	118
William M. Olin, of Boston	501
Edwin Sawtelle, of Brockton	15
Bernard F. Wolfe, of Boston	21
Blank	84

TREASURER.

George A. Brown, of Lynn	49
Robert C. Habberly, of Hyde Park	18
Edward P. Shaw, of Newburyport	489
Horace P. Tobey, of Wareham	24
Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree	112
Blank	93

AUDITOR.

Joseph Bellam, of Boston	50
Harry Douglas, of Great Barrington	16
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg	491
Joseph Henry Sheldon, of Haverhill	114
Robert M. Small, of Templeton	19
Blank	95

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst	22
William Harrison, of Lawrence	52
Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford	494
William W. McClench, of Chicopee	18
John A. O'Keefe, of Lynn	119
Blank	80

COUNCILLOR, 5th District.

Horace H. Atherton, of Saugus	512
Jeremiah L. Libby, of Lynn	22
Daniel H. Maguire, of Haverhill	144
Blank	107

SENATOR, Middlesex and Essex District.

Issac E. Graves, of Saugus	181
Charles F. Woodward, of Wakefield	525
Blank	79

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

30th Middlesex District.

William H. Marden, of Stoneham	645
Ammi Cutter	1
J. H. Murphy	1
John W. Kelley	1
J. Birmingham	1
L. L Gove	2
C. A. Moody	1
J. White	1
J. Fallon	1
W. S. Keene	1
Blank	130

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Middlesex.

Samuel O. Upham, of Waltham	507
J. F. Brosneham	1
Blank	277

REGISTER OF DEEDS, Middlesex Southern District.

Edwin O. Child, of Newton	501
Blank	284

COUNTY TREASURER, Middlesex.

Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville	498
Blank	287

All of the returns of the foregoing votes having been signed and sealed up, and also the ballots cast and the check lists used at the polls signed and sealed up in open town meeting in accordance with the law in relation to the same, it was

Voted, To adjourn.

DOGS LICENSED.

229 Males at $2	$458.00
30 Females at $5	150.00
	$608.00
Fees paid Town Treasurer	51.80
Amount paid County Treasurer	556.20
	$608.00

Geo. N. Green Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully submit the following report of the Highway Department for the year 1897:

On account of the small appropriation and the poor condition of the streets it has been impossible to do more than to put them in a fair condition. A detailed account of the work done is as follows:

HARRISON STREET.

Harrison street I found in a very poor condition and thoroughly rebuilt the street and sidewalks by putting in a good stone foundation and two catch basins: Mr. J. T. Nowell contributed stone for the foundation of the street and the gravel was bought of Levi Green and Charles B. Melvin, and the street is now in good condition. I recommend that two more catch basins be put in on this street.

FRANLIN STREET LEDGE,

Abutting the property of Bridget Mahoney.

I have removed this ledge and put the street in good condition to the satisfaction of the abutters.

FRANKLIN STREET.

Have repaired this street from the Melrose line to Summer street and it is now in fair condition, also built a side-

walk abutting land of E. R. B. Chapman, Mr. Chapman kindly giving material for the street and sidewalk. Also put in a broken stone foundation and gravelled this street from Pine street to Central square.

HIGHLAND AVENUE.

Have repaired this avenue which is in passable condition.

PLEASANT STREET.

Gravelled this street from Franklin street to land of Henry A. Stevens. Also from Oriental court to the corner of Spring street. Also repaired street and sidewalk from Main street to Central street.

MONTVALE AVENUE.

Gravelled this street from Main street to the railroad crossing and rebuilt the street and sidewalk from the railroad crossing to the Woburn line. This street is in good condition except a small portion from residence of D. T. Strange to the top of the hill.

CENTRAL SQUARE.

Thoroughly gravelled Central square.

MAIN STREET.

Repaired this street from the Armory to Maple street.

CHESTNUT STREET.

Gravelled this street from Maple street to Montvale avenue.

MAPLE STREET.

Gravelled this street from Main street to Wright street.

POMEWORTH STREET.

This street was badly washed by heavy showers and required considerable work to put in good condition, was obliged to do the work a second time on account of a washout.

HIGH STREET.

This street was in a dangerous condition, the water running in the middle of the street instead of the gutters. Thoroughly repaired this street from the residence of John G. Beede to Waverly street, putting in a crushed stone foundation and gravel dressing. This street is in good condition.

BROADWAY.

Put this street in good condition from the top of the hill to Main street.

WILLIAM STREET.

Repaired this street from the residence of Charles H. Arnold to the Woburn line and from Geo. W. Knapp's to the foot of the hill. Also the portion of Elm street from William street to the top of the hill at Albion avenue. The gravel for this work was given by Mr. Arnold.

SPRING STREET.

Put broken stone and gravel dressing on hill near house of James O'Loughlin.

CULVERTS.

Rebuilt the culvert and paved the bottom with large granite blocks from the railroad track to Cottage street between land of Wm. J. Corcoran and William B. Stevens. This culvert was badly washed out and was obliged to rebuild it as the water was washing the land of Mr. Corcoran

badly. The railroad company furnished the stone for this work.

DID GENERAL REPAIRING WHERE NEEDED.

McKenna Brothers kindly contributed nearly 1000 loads of gravel for the streets, which did all the repairing in Central Square, Main, Pleasant, Maple and Chestnut streets, which was a saving of nearly $150 to the town.

STONE CRUSHER.

The boiler has been repaired by re-tubing and painting and a new smoke stack purchased. The crusher needs a new set of jaws, the old ones being badly worn. The building is in good repair.

PARK ROADS.

South and Pond streets, Woodland and Ravine Roads, where they abut Park lands, have been put in good repair, satisfactory to the Metropolitan Park Commission.

I recommend that the town appropriates the sum of $6000 for general highway repairs and also would recommend an appropriation for crushing stone.

In conclusion, I thank your honorable board for your support during the year and Mr. J. T. Nowell, Mr. Charles H. Arnold, McKenna Brothers and Mr. E. R. B. Chapman for their liberal contributions of gravel and stone. Also to other town officers and the citizens in general for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SPRAGUE.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Your Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1898:

We have used all means to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases and where complaints have been made of premises not in a sanitary condition they have been promptly inspected and the nuisances abated.

Appointments by the Board of Health. George N. Green agent, with authority to issue burial permits and certificates of registery.

A. B. Yeaton, Dr. A. B. Jenney and L. L. Gerry, Examiners of Plumbers. A. B. Yeaton, Inspector and George S. Tukey, of Reading, Assistant Inspectors of Plumbing under the Act of 1894.

Dr. George H. Allen, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, as required by law, who has faithfully attended to his duties. His report is as follows:

STONEHAM, MASS., FEBRUARY 1ST, 1898.

To the Board of Health:

Your Inspector submits the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1898:

Whole number of cows inspected for the year.....	269
Whole number being slaughtered as tuberculosed.....	8

Number of horses condemned and slaughtered as glandered 1
Number of Swine inspected at the several slaughter houses..... 123
Number of Swine condemned with tuberculosis..... 2
Number of Veals inspected at slaughter house..... 7

It is the belief of your Inspector that the cattle in the town are in better condition the past year than they have been for some time and that they will continue to improve, for under the present law the stables are to be inspected, as well as the stack and this, if carried out, will prove a benefit to the producer and a comfort to the consumer.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. ALLEN, D.D.S., Inspector.

NOTICE TO PERSONS KEEPING SWINE.

Regulations of the Board of Health, numbers 13 and 14.

Regulation 13. No person keeping swine shall so keep or locate them as to cause a nuisance or create offensive odors which annoy or injure his neighbors or the public.

Regulation 14. No swine shall be kept inside the limit of a mile from the Square, junction of Main and Central streets, except within the enclosed manure vault of a stable in which horses are kept, and not more than two at any one time in each vault. Persons wishing to keep swine in such vaults must make application in writing for a permit from the Board of Health, and the Health Officer shall first examine the premises before granting the same. No owner or occupant of any dwelling house in the Town of Stoneham, shall keep, or permit to be kept, any fowl, swine, goats or other animals, in any room or cellar of said building.

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH RELATING TO CONNECTION WITH THE SEWER.

The following rules and regulations drawn up by the Board of Health and authorized by the Public Statutes, are published for the information of our citizens:

1. In all cases of connection with the sewer the soil pipe shall extend, undiminished in size, up through the roof and two feet above, or more than two feet, in such cases as the Board may direct.

2. The ten foot iron soil pipe required to be placed through the cellar wall, shall be connected with the house sewer by a Y; the connection being made with the branches and a brass clearout placed in the end of the Y. That portion of the house sewer which is inside the wall or under the building, and that portion which is outside the building, but within eight feet of the foundation wall, shall be of cast iron pipe or of other metal pipe satisfactory to the Board of Health, but no sheet metal or earthern pipe shall be used in any part of the sewerage system within the building or within eight feet of the foundation.

3. The house sewer shall be provided with a running trap, of the same size as the said house sewer, located beyond all house connections, which trap shall have hand-hole with a brass cleanout for convenience in cleaning. If the trap be inside the cellar wall the hand-hole shall be on the house side of the trap. No house sewer or private sewer from any building shall pass under another building, neither shall said sewer pass within five feet of the outside of the foundation wall of any building, unless it be of extra heavy iron pipe, the joints of said pipe shall be made with molten lead, thoroughly caulked and tested.

4. There shall be a fresh air inlet entering the house sewer between the main trap and all house connections, of

not less than four inches internal diameter, extending into the external air and away from all windows and doors and not opening near the cold air box of a furnace. The upper end of the same shall be properly protected, the fresh air inlet shall enter the house sewer within two feet of the main trap. The requiring or omitting of such fresh air inlet will be discretionary with the Board of Health.

5. Connections with the sewer shall in all cases be inspected, and the plumber shall apply the water test up to the lowest fixture, in the presence of the Inspector of Plumbing.

6. The entire plumbing of each building must be connected with the sewer and after the connection all cesspools and vaults must be abolished and emptied by the owner or occupants, and filled with fresh earth, sand, gravel or coal ashes.

7. No person, other than a registered plumber, shall make any connection with any private sewer, drain, soil or water pipe, or any branch pipe connected therewith. No person shall connect the plumbing of any building with any sewer, public or private, without a permit from the Board of Health.

Size of pipes to be used shall have an average weight of not less than that below specified, viz:

2	inch	pipe,	4	lbs.	to foot.
3	"	"	6	"	" "
4	"	"	8	"	" "
5	"	"	12	"	" "
6	"	"	15	"	" "

Trap to top closet in any house not necessary to be vented.

No S traps will be accepted.

All drain, soil and waste pipes shall have with uniform

grade, a fall towards the sewer of not less than one fourth (1-4) inch per foot.

REPORT OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES FOR 1897.

Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	9
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The attention of citizens is called to recent legislation concerning contagious diseases:

SECTION 1. When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town in which he dwells; and upon the death, recovery, or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner approved by the Board of Health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town; or if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offence not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

SEC. 3. The Board of Health in the several cities and towns shall cause a record to be kept of all reports received

in pursuance of the preceding sections, and such record shall contain the names of all persons who are sick, the localties in which they live, the disease with which they are affected, together with the date and names of the persons reporting in such cases. The Board of Health shall give the School Committee immediate information of all cases of contagious disease reported to them according to the provisions of this act.

Acts of 1883, Chapter 124.

Sec. 2. No railroad corporation or other common carrier or person, shall convey or cause to be conveyed, through or from any city or town in this Commonwealth, the remains of any person who has died of small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or typhoid fever, until such body has been so encased and prepared as to preclude any danger of communicating the disease to others by its transportation; and no local registrar or clerk shall give a permit for the removal of such body until he has received from the Board of Health of the city, or the Selectmen of the town, where the death occurred, a certificate, stating the cause of death, and that said body has been prepared in the manner set forth in this section, which certificate shall be delivered to the agent or person who receives the body.

By the above it will be seen that it is the duty of the Selectmen, acting as a Board of Health, to keep a record of all cases reported to them.

REMOVAL OF BODIES OF DECEASED PERSONS.

Acts of 1888, Chapter 306.

An act relating to the Certificates and Registry of Deaths, and the burial and removal of bodies of deceased persons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SEC. 1. Section 3 of Chapter 32, of Public Statutes, requiring attending physicians to furnish for registration certain facts relating to deceased persons, is amended so as to read as follows:—Section 3. A physician who has attended a person during his last illness shall, when requested forthwith furnish for registration, a certificate stating, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the name of the deceased, his age, the disease of which he died, the duration of his last sickness and the date of his disease. If a physician neglects or refuses to make a certificate, as aforesaid, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of said Chapter, prohibiting the burial or removal of a human body until a proper certificate is furnished, is amended so as to read as follows:—Section 5. No undertaker, sexton, or other person, shall bury in a city or town or remove therefrom the body of a deceased person until he has received a permit so to do from the Board of Health or its duly appointed agent, or if there is no Board of Health in such city or town, from the City or Town Clerk. No such permit shall be issued until there has been delivered to such board or agent, or clerk, as the case may be, a satisfactory written statement containing the facts required by this chapter to be returned and recorded, together with the certificate of the attending physician, if any, as required by section 3 of this chapter, or in lieu thereof a certificate as hereinafter provided. If there is no attending physician, or if the certificate of the attending physician cannot be obtained, for good and sufficient reasons, early enough for the purpose, the Chairman of the Board of Health or any physician employed by a city or town for the

purpose shall, upon request of said Board, Agent or Clerk, make such certificate as is required of the attending physician; and in case of death by violence, the medical examiner shall, if requested make the same. When such satisfactory statement and certificate are delivered to the Board of Health or its Agent, the Board or Agent shall countersign and transmit the same to the clerk or registrar for registration.

The person to whom the permit is so given shall thereafter furnish for registration any other information as to the deceased or to the manner and cause of the death, as the Clerk or registrar may require. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Approved May 4, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN DIKE,
A. B. JENNEY, M. D.,
LYMAN L. GERRY,
Board of Health.

REPORT

OF THE

ASSESSORS.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of estates, real and personal, taxed in the town May 1, 1897, and other matter that may be interesting to the citizens of the town.

VALUATION FOR 1897.

Total Valuation Real Estate		$4,437,262	
Buildings Excluding Land.	$2,318,012		
Land Excluding Buildings.	2,119,250		
Total Tax on Real Estate..			$78,095.81
Total Valuation Per. Estate		438.110	
Total Tax on Per. Estate..			7,710.73
Total Number of Polls....	1,989		
Tax on Polls.....			3,978.00
Total Valuation Real and Per. Estate.		$4,875,372	$89,784.54

Town Grant.....	$75,787.22
State Tax	3,836.48
County Tax.....	2,835.00
Sewerage Tax.....	4,857.78
Overlayings	2,468.06
	$89,784.54

Number of Polls	1,989
Number of Horses	455
Number of Cows	220
Number of Neat Cattle	13
Number of Swine	42
Number of Fowl	1,090
Number of Dwelling Houses	1,378½
Number of Acres of Land	2,540¾
Rate Per $1,000	$17.60
Number of Residents Assessed on Property	1,152
All Others	91
	1,243
Number of Non-Residents Assessed on Property	276
All Others	51
	327
Number of Persons Assessed on Property	1,573
Number of Persons Assessed for Poll Tax only	1,229
Total	2,802

There were 32 cities and 321 towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, May 1, 1897, and the rate of tax per $1,000 is as follows: Highest Rate, $27.00, assessed in town of Hawley; Lowest rate, $4.54, assessed in town of Gosnold. Rate from $6.00 to $9.60, assessed in 25 towns; $10.00 to $14.90, assessed in 4 cities and 125 towns; $15.00 to $19.75, assessed in 26 cities and 142 towns; $20.00 to $24.00, assessed in 2 cities and 27 towns.

STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF STONEHAM.

Year.	Total Valuation.	Amount Raised.	No. of Polls.	Rate Per $1,000.
1852	$716,989	$19,071.00	664	$25.00
1853	757,056	8,099.00	756	9.00
1854	816,665	7,322.00	796	7.50
1855	979,372	7,795.00	764	6.50
1856	977,207	13,065.11	759	12.00
1857	1,052,412	9,997.00	778	8.20
1858	1,078,770	12,107.72	820	9.80
1859	1,203,616	11,851.29	1040	8.30
1860	1,234,719	14,028.69	950	10.00
1861	1,202,184	15,182.37	843	11.50
1862	1,183,906	16,058.65	800	12.00
1863	1,240,159	19,361.92	826	14.50
1864	1,352,273	21,143.72	866	14.00
1865	1,361,754	17,900.00	817	18.80
1866	1,580,455	33,845.60	994	20.00
1867	1,753,436	33,745.67	1008	18.00
1868	1,772,923	36,051.36	1050	19.00
1869	1,859,617	39,840.80	1193	20.00
1870	1,914,823	47,999.37	1292	23.50
1871	2,485,110	51,658.31	1390	19.50
1872	2,890,815	64,185.14	1425	21.00
1873	2,917,575	50,562.00	1340	16.25
1874	2,991,068	63,034.36	1350	20.00
1875	3,011,508	55,867.33	1375	18.80
1876	3,007,522	51,770.82	1373	16.30
1877	3,147,010	59,334.06	1445	16.00
1878	2,998,255	50,566.62	1292	16.00
1879	2,987.075	46,414.72	1352	14.80
1880	2,978,355	49,080.38	1309	15.60
1881	2,991,770	48,455.76	1341	15.30

Year.	Total Valuation.	Amount Raised.	No. of Polls.	Rate Per $1,000.
1882	3,024,645	52,316.30	1356	16.40
1883	3,069,425	56,152.98	1457	17.40
1884	3,065,495	48,549.49	1590	14.80
1885	3,110,010	51,125.36	1615	15.40
1886	3,199,215	58,054.90	1716	17.10
1887	3,230,205	61,374.44	1747	18.00
1888	3,260,328	58,805.95	1724	17.00
1889	3,281,775	59,888.54	1729	17.20
1890	3,406,871	62,291.29	1775	17.20
1891	3,191,085	56,444.55	1822	16.00
1892	3,696,305	73,548.15	1842	19.00
1893	3,828,820	80,427.40	1924	20.00
1894	4,018,157	82,037.44	2005	19.50
1895	4,307,045	83,250.08	1999	18.40
1896	4,762,485	101,252.68	2049	20.40
1897	4,875,372	89.784.54	1989	17.60

Several years ago there was an article inserted in our town warrant in regard to a survey of the town, as it was believed that by so doing, more land would be found than was assessed at that time, and we believe so, as our experience in the past year, in finding over sixty acres of land that had not been assessed for a number of years, has confirmed our belief, that a survey of the town would increase our valuation so that it would be a paying investment for the town, and we hope that all taxpayers will take the subject into consideration and give it a careful study.

JAMES A. JONES,
JOHN BEST,
WILSON A. BARTLETT,
Assessors of Stoneham.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully present the report for the year 1897-98.

There has been a vacancy in the Board of Trustees during the year, caused by the removal of Mr. William G. Bartlett from town. His resignation was not received in time for action thereon at the March meeting. During the year but little change has taken place in the management or affairs of the Library.

Mrs. Boyce, our very efficient Librarian, has been compelled to be absent from duty by sickness, for the first time since she accepted the position of Librarian, but her faithful assistant, Miss Ervin, proved equal to the emergency, having Miss Josie Stevens to assist her.

We would again call your attention to the catalogue, assuring you, who have not one at your homes, that it will be of great assistance to you in selecting your books, as you could give more time to it than you would wish to give when at the Library.

The Reference Room is not used as much as we would like to see it. By applying to the Librarian you can select your book in there and read it at your leisure while you remain.

The rent according to agreement was raised fifty dollars

50.00) July 1st, and in order to meet the expenses and ive you the reading you ask for in so far as we can, the rustees would recommend the usual sppropriation of four undred dollars for books and three hundred and fifty dol-rs and the dog tax for incidentals.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books in library	8,550
" " " loaned during the year	27,790
Largest number loaned in one day, March 27	450
Smallest " " " " " July 28	138
Number of persons taking books	785
" " books now out	44
" " replaced and duplicated	21
" " rebound	429
" " lost by people moving away	3
" " catalogues sold	24
Money taken for fines and catalogues	$66.66
Incidental expenses	16 52

DONATIONS.

Tenth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Labor. Vol. 1-2 94.

Eleventh Annual Report of the Commissioner of Labor, 1895-96.

Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1893-94. Vol. 1-2.

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education. 1895-96.

Ninth Annual Report of the Hatch Experiment Station of the Mass. Agricultural College.

Metropolitan Water Board, Second Annual Report, January 27, 1897.

Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1896.

Journal of the House of Representatives, 1896.

Journal of the Senate, 1896.

Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890. Part 3-4.

Eighth Special Report of the Commissioner of Labor, 1895.

Messages and Papers of the President, 1789 to 1897. Vol. 2-3-4.

Bulletin of the Department of Labor, No. 6, Sept. 1896.

" " " " " " " 10, May 1897.

Tenth Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 1896.

Census of Mass., 1895. Vol. 1.

In commemoration of the Life and Public Service of Frederick T. Greenhalge, late Governor of the Commonwealth.

Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1894-95. Vol. 1-2.

Report of the Librarian of the State Library, 1896.

Joint Metalism. Anson Phelps Stokes.

Massachusetts in the Army and Navy, 1861-65. Vol. 1-2.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War.

Official Records of the Union and Confederate. Vol. 2.

Navies in the War of the Rebellion. Series 1, Vol. 4.

Education in Alaska, 1894-95.

Report of Introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska.

Manual of the General Court, 1897.

Stoneham Independent. Whittier Brothers.

Tufts Weekly.
Tuftonian.
Christian Register.
Traveller's Record.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK BRYANT,
SARAH A. LYNDE,
CORA E. DIKE,
GEO. A. HINCHCLIFFE,
GEORGIE A. RICHARDSON,
Trustees of the Public Library.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF OF POLICE.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I submit the following report of the work of the Police Department for the year ending January 31st, 1898.

John C. C. Small, Chief.

Patrolmen,

James J. Scally, Edwin G. Martin.

Number of Arrests	97
Males	96
Females	1
Residents	32
Non-Residents	65

CAUSE OF ARREST.

Assault and Battery	10
Bastardy	3
Breaking and Entering	1
Drunks	39
Disturbing the Peace	3
Disorderly Conduct	2
Defrauding Boarding House Keeper	1
Insane	2
Larceny	12

Non-Support of Wife	2
" " Children	1
Short Measure	2
Violation of Town By-Laws	3
" " Liquor Law	1
Vagrant	2

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Fines Imposed, number of	39
Amount of Fines Imposed	$325
Amount of Fines, Collected	$131
Appealed Cases	6
Asylum	2
Discharged	11
Fines Paid	20
Placed on File	16
Sentenced to Houses of Detention	25
Sentenced to House of Detention for Non-Payment of Fines	11
Total Time of Imprisonment	13yrs., 9mos., 10days.
Profane Cursing and Swearing	2
Disturbance on R. R. Carriage	1
Idle and Disorderly	1
Tramp	1
Breaking Glass	2
Discharging Firearms in Park	1
Counterfeiting and Mutilating U. S. Money	1
Stubborn Child	1
Accidents Reported	24
Buildings Found Open	75
Buildings Specially Protected	15
Cases Investigated	35
Disturbances Suppressed	30

Details for Private Assemblages	12
Details for Public Assemblages	8
Defects in Highway	46
" Gas Pipes	18
" Water	24
" Electric Lights	275
Dogs Killed	8
Fire Extinguished without Alarm	1
Insane Persons	2
Lost Children	11
Nuisances Reported	29
Officers at Fires	25
Sick and Disabled People Assisted	14
Stray Teams Cared for	20

We started in the year with a labor trouble that lasted over three months. At times it looked serious, so much so that we felt obliged to call for outside help, with these officers and a large force of citizens, that were sworn in as special police, we got along without any serious trouble. In this case, as in all similar cases, the most of the trouble was made by outside parties that had no interest in the labor trouble whatever. All of this extra expense came out of the Police appropriation, so our appropriation run out before the end of the year.

We have kept an eye on the liquor traffic and we feel justified in saying that the town was never more free from that evil than at the present time. A drunken person is rarely seen on our streets.

Our Street Light service has not been as good as the past year as it might have been, as the officers have reported 275 out.

I presume most of our citizens have noticed the absence of the brawling junk man on our streets since the by-law on

junk went into effect. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to revise our by-laws and put them in shape, so they will be more effectual.

Dog warrants were issued as usual to the regular officers and in consequence eight dogs were killed.

We have lodged 413 tramps, and you need not feed them as each one is given a good breakfast.

To your honorable board I extend my sincere thanks, also to Judge Johnson and Clerk Gage, and to the officers and citizens who have in many ways assisted the department the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. C. SMALL,

Chief of Police.

Stoneham, January 31st, 1898.

REPORT

OF THE

KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The following report is respectfully submitted:

Number cared for in the lockup for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Prisoners	97
Lodgers	413

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. C. SMALL,

Lockup Keeper.

REPORT

OF THE

Sewer Commissioners

OF THE

Town of Stoneham,

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1898.

REPORT

OF THE

SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.

STONEHAM, MASS., FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

To the Citizens of the Town of Stoneham:

The Sewerage Commissioners respectfully submit this their Annual Report.

At the annual town meeting Mr. Willard Massey was re-elected for a term of three years.

At a meeting held March 1st, 1897, the Commission organized and Mr. S. P. Finnegan and Mr. Willard Massey were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively.

At an adjourned town meeting held March 11, 1897, the following votes were passed:

Voted. That the Sewer Commissioners be instructed to continue and complete the Sewerage System under estimates Nos. 1 and 2 in the section of the town bounded on the north by Hancock Sfreet, on the east by Main Street, on the west by Congress Street, and on the south by Marble Street and the Commissioners are hereby instructed to see that the contract is carried out.

Voted. To discontinue the construction of any of the Sewerage System under Sections 1 and 2 of the Engineer's Report, except as already voted and contracted for.

Acting in accordance with this vote Messrs. Quimby &

Ferguson were notified to proceed with the work on Section 3 as called for by their contract. An answer from their counsel was received declining to proceed with the work.

Owing to delay in appointment of town counsel nothing was done about the matter until August.

In March a petition was received from the Langwood Park Land Co., for a sewer from the Metropolitan Sewer in Wyoming Avenue near the Melrose line to a point opposite their property on Ravine Road.

This petition was accompanied by plan and report by B. R. Felton, Civil Engineer, giving estimated cost.

The land company offered to pay one half of the expense to the point on Ravine Road and total expense beyond that point.

At a town meeting held April 8th, 1897, the following vote was passed:

Voted. That the town do build a sewer from the Metropolitan Sewer on Wyoming Avenue, through Wyoming Avenue and Pond Street, from Pond Street across land of the Metropolitan Park Commission to Ravine Road, and upon Ravine Road, to a connection with the sewer of the Langwood Park Land Co., provided that the Trustees of the Langwood Park Land Co. pay one half of the expense of the main sewer.

This work has been constructed by day labor under the direction of the Commissioners, the detailed expenses are given in the Engineer's report.

The use of a regulator is generally required by the Metropolitan Sewer Commissioners but as there were to be few connections with this sewer an application to connect without regulator was made for a connection with the Metropolitan Sewer on Wyoming Avenue, near the Melrose line and was granted as appears from the following letter:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Office of Metropolitan Sewerage Commission.

BOSTON, APRIL 20TH, 1897.

STEPHEN P. FINNEGAN, ESQ.

Chairman Sewer Commissioners, Stoneham, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—Your application dated April 12th, 1897, for permission to connect with the Metropolitan Sewer as follows:

By eight inch pipe on the end of the Metropolitan Sewer in Wyoming Avenue in Stoneham without regulator but with overflow and weir manhele was approved by the Board April 17, 1897, with the condition that the details should be satisfactory to the Engineer of the Board and that the construction should be examined and approved by one of their inspectors.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WM. M. BROWN, Supt.

After the appointment of Mr. F. L. Evans as Town Counsel, the following opinion was received from him in relation to Section Three.

Opinion of Town Counsel Evans in regard to Lincolnville District, part of Section Three.

S. P. FINNEGAN, Chairman,

Board Sewer Commissioners, Stoneham, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—The Sewer Commissioners, under the provision of Act of 1893, Chapter 423, Section 24, have exclusive power to cause sewer to be built in the town at the town expense. (Compare Public Statutes, Chapter 50, Sections 1 and 3, and Chapter 49, Section 68.)

The contract with Messrs. Quimby & Ferguson purports to be made by the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham by the Sewer Commissioners thereof.

The Sewer Commissioners, in contracting for the con-

struction of sewers, do so as public officers, and not as agents of the town, (Lemon vs. Newton, 134 Mass., 476,) and it may be doubted whether this supposed contract is not void as apparently intended to be by them for the town as its agents. If it is to be regarded as a valid subsisting contract, either because made by the Sewer Commissioners in the first instance, or as subsequently adopted and ratified by them by their acts and conduct in relation thereto or for any other reason, it seems plain that the "power to notify the said party of the second part to discontinue all work, or any part thereof, under the contract," as provided on page 22 of the printed copy of the contract submitted to me, with the consequences also provided by said contract, now exists. It is provided that this power be exercised by the, "party of the first part." The party of the first part would seem (page 8) to be the, "inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham." I am unable to see how the inhabitants of the town have any power to contract as to sewers, but as contract, so reads in order to preserve all possible rights under any construction of the contract which may be adopted, it would perhaps be well for a town meeting at which a vote shall be regularly passed authorizing the notice to discontinue to be given on behalf of the town and the work to be completed for the town by the Sewer Commissioners as provided in the contract. In any case I think a new notice to discontinue should be given by the Sewer Commissioners in the exercise of their powers as public officers, without any qualification such as appear in the notices they have already given.

It is provided by Statute 1896, Chapter 494, that on and after January 1st, 1897 "in the employment of mechanics and laborers in the construction of Public Works by the Commonwealth, or by any municipal corporation therein, or by persons contracting with the Commonwealth or with

any such corporation, preference in such employment shall be given to citizens of the United States." It might be well to see that such preference is given in the completion of the work, considering that the contract in terms give the power to complete to the town, a "municipal corporation," and thus save any question, although being legally under the direction of the Sewer Commissioners as public officers, I am of the opinion that the sewer is not constructed by the town and that this statute does not apply. I know of no restriction of law in regard to what wages shall be paid. By Statute 1891, Chapter 350, re-enacted in Statute 1894, Chapter 508, Section 7, nine hours is made a day's work for all "laborers, workmen or mechanics employed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth or any County, City or Town." I am of the opinion that this applies to laborers employed in the construction of this sewer, as the work, though done by order of the Sewer Commissioners, is done, "on behalf of the town," which pays the cost of construction, and owns the sewer when completed.

Yours truly,

(Signed) F. L. Evans.

In consequence the following vote was passed at a town meeting held August 12, 1897.

Voted. To authorize and direct the Sewer Commissioners to notify Messrs. Quimby & Ferguson to discontinue work upon the sewers which they contracted to build as provided by the contract dated May 21st, 1896, and authorize said Commissioners to complete said work as provided for in said contract, the Engineer being of the opinion that said work or a part thereof is unreasonably and unnecessary delayed.

In accordance with the above vote Messrs. Quimby & Ferguson were notified to discontinue the work and the

section has been completed by day labor under the direction of the Commissioners.

HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

House connections have been made for property owners by the town at cost. The work has been under the direction of Mr. Rollins. Seventy-two (72) connections have been made necessitating the laying of 3368 feet at an average cost per foot of fifty-two and one half cents ($0.52 1-2.)

On August 1st, the house connections, maintainance and office work, were consolidated under the direction of Mr. Rollins. Since the consolidation the average cost per foot for house connections has been reduced to forty-four cents, (.44.)

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

No progress has been made on method of assessment.

As an assessment is compulsory under the laws, we recommend that a method of assessment be adopted without further day.

Acting under instructions from the Town, the Legislature was petitioned for an act instructing the Metropolitan Sewer Commissioners to extend their system to the line between Melrose and Stoneham on Franklin Street.

The following is the result:

CHAPTER 436, ACTS OF 1897.

An act to provide an Additional Outlet for the Sewerage of the Town of Stoneham.

Section 1. The Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners are hereby authorized and instructed to cause to be constructed a branch sewer connecting with the system of sewers built, or to be built, under the direction of said Commissioners in the town of Melrose, which will extend to the

line between Melrose and Stoneham and reach said line in Franklin Street; said branch sewer to serve when necessary as an outlet for the sewage of the town of Stoneham at that point. The town of Melrose shall have the right to make and maintain house connections with said branch sewer and connect lateral sewers therewith, in the same manner as with the present sewers of said town, under the direction of said commissioners: provided, however, that for the purpose of assessment and taxation said sewer shall be treated as a local sewer of said town of Melrose, and assessments shall be made therefor by said town according to such scheme or plan as may be adopted by said town for its local sewers, and such sums as may be assessed therefor shall be paid by the treasurer of said town into the treasury of the Commonwealth, and shall be credited to and form a part of the fund known as the Metropolitan Sewerage Loan Fund, authorized by chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and acts in amendment thereof.

Sec. 2. In providing said outlet for the sewage of the town of Stoneham and in receiving sewage from said town, and in any action relating thereto, and for the purpose of taking, constructing and maintaining said branch sewer, said commissioners, acting on behalf of the commonwealth, shall have and exercise all the authority conferred upon them by chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and by acts in amendment thereof, regarding the original system or anything relating thereto; and all the provisions of said chapter are hereby made applicable to this additional taking and construction, except as otherwise herein provided.

Sec. 3. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act the treasurer and receiver general shall,

with the approval of the governor and council, issue scrip or certificates of debt, in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth and under its seal, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for a term not exceeding thirty-four years. All the provisions of sections three of chapter four hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six relative to the indebtedness authorized to be incurred by said chapter shall apply to the indebtedness authorized by this section, in the same manner as if said provisions had been inserted at length in this act.

SEC. 4. The interest and sinking fund requirements of the moneys expended in constructing the branch sewer provided for in this act, and the cost of maintainance thereof, shall be deemed a part of the interest, sinking fund requirements and costs specified in section fifteen of chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and shall be paid as provided for in said section.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage. (Approved May 26, 1897.)

This sewer has been constructed by the Metropolitan Commissioners and the town will be saved a large amount in the construction of sewers for this district, as without this construction it would have been necessary to conduct the sewage to the outlet previously provided on Wyoming Avenue.

Additional information regarding length and cost of the system is given in the report of our engineer which is made a part of this report.

STEPHEN P. FINNEGAN, Chairman,
WILLARD MASSEY, Secretary,
CHARLES H. DREW.
Sewer Commissioners.

REPORT OF B. R. FELTON ON STONEHAM SEWERAGE SYSTEM, 1897.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

To the Sewer Commissioners, Stoneham, Mass.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present a brief report on the work of sewer construction during the past year, also tables showing cost of work and sewers constructed to date. The work on Main Street, Section 3, was finished by the contractors the latter part of February of last year. The balance of the section has been done by the town by day labor on account of the contractors who were notified to discontinue work on account of unreasonable delays.

The rock on Marble and Lincoln Streets was unusually hard and cost very much more than the contract price to remove it.

On Marble Street the water and fine sand made the street an exceptionally hard one and the underdrain was kept clear only by unusual care.

The cost of the work compared with contract prices was about the same as last year.

On a petition from the Trustees of the Langwood Park Land Co., a sewer was constructed from the Metropolitan Sewer near Melrose line to a point opposite their property on Ravine Road. One half the total cost of this system was borne by them and the entire cost from Ravine Road. The final estimate is given with the other tables.

In Wyoming avenue the sewer was laid on a pile foundation and owing to the shallow depth which it was necessarily laid was surrounded by concrete to prevent breaking or freezing.

Record plans of all sewers constructed to date have been made and are on file in your office.

No work has been done on assessment surveys or plans.

The flushing connections in the end manholes have been connected with the water mains and flushing has been done when necessary.

There has been little trouble caused by stoppages.

The sump manholes have been cleaned at frequent intervals.

Considerable annoyance was caused by odors from the manholes on line from Fitzgerald tannery.

A careful inspection of the entire line from the Metropolitan sewer to the tannery was made covering a number of days and the conditions noted at each monhole.

Afterwards tight covers were placed on those manholes from which the oder was most noticeable.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. FELTON, Engineer.

TABLE SHOWING LENGTH AND SIZE OF SEWERS CONSTRUCTED FROM FEBRUARY, 1897, TO FEBRUARY, 1898.

Street.	10 inch	8 inch.	6 inch.	Manholes.	5 in. Branches.
Benton	.....	.....	274.6	1	12
Lincoln	.....	978	490	5	36
Main	33	4	.....	1	.....
Marble	.....	1064.7	.....	4	32
‡Metrop. Park	.....	.....	521.5	*4	.....
Pond	.....	718	.....	4	8
Ravine Road	.....	.....	331	2	.....
Warren	.....	343.6	.....	2	10
Washington	.....	279.1	.....	1	8
Winthrop	.....	217.6	2.6	1	10
Wright	.....	456.8	172.6	3	24
Wyoming Ave	.....	743	.....	4	32
	33	4784.8	1793.1	32	172

* includes sump manhole for weir.

‡ 200 feet east of Ravine Road paid for by Langwood Park Land Co.

SUMMARY.

10 inch pipe	33 feet.
8 " "	4784.8 "
6 " "	1793.1 "
	6610.9 feet.

1.252 miles.

TABLE SHOWING LENGTH AND SIZE OF UNDERDRAIN CONSTRUCTED FROM FEBRUARY, 1897, TO FEBRUARY, 1898.

Street.	6 inch.	5 inch.
Lincoln	.....	975
Main	35	.....
Marble	1064.7	.....
Warren	.....	343.6
Wright	.....	530.8
	1099.7	1849.4

SUMMARY.

6 inch underdrain	1099.7 feet.
5 " "	1849.4 "
Total	2949.1 feet.

.556 miles.

TABLE SHOWING COST BY STREETS OF WORK DONE BY DAY LABOR.

Street.	Total Cost Material.	Cost of Labor.	Administration Eng. and Ins.	Total Cost.
Lincoln	$8.41	$11.89	$5.12	$25.42
Metrop. Parks	60.09	185.15	33.32	278.56
Pond	187.93	419.29	87.12	694.34
Ravine Road	67.26	232.61	43.19	343.06
Washington	79.68	292.16	78.85	450.69
Wyoming Ave	*777.21	730.73	179.94	1687.88
	$1180.58	$1871.83	$427.54	$3479.95

* includes cost of driving piles and laying platform done by contract.

TABLE SHOWING LENGTH AND SIZE OF SEWERS CONSTRUCTED TO FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

Street.	15 inch.	12 inch.	10 inch.	8 inch.	6 inch.	Manholes	5 in. Brad.
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	274.6	1	12
Bow	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Cedar Ave	.....	.....	.....	190.1	397.2	3	16
Central	.....	.....	.....	958.7	850.1	8	88
Church	.....	.....	.....	363.8	.....	1	15
Chestnut	.....	.....	.....	140.4	1053	6	49
Common	.....	.....	.....	.....	661	3	27
Cottage	.....	855.2	.....	315.5	207.3	6	53
Emerson	.....	.....	.....	.....	493	2	24
Flint Ave	.....	.....	.....	.....	678	3	32
Franklin	.....	.....	1087.4	428.4	238.8	9	83
Fuller	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Gerry	.....	.....	.....	.....	918.3	2	44
Gilmore	.....	.....	.....	.....	294.4	1	13
Gould	.....	.....	388.4	200.2	264.4	5	32
Green	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	.....	.....	374.7	328.2	1195.7	9	62
Hersam	.....	.....	.....	269.8	419.2	3	28
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	1253	490	7	57
Lynden	.....	.....	.....	.....	253	1	11
Main	.....	372	1475	1167.8	900.1	20	167
Minot	.....	.....	.....	.....	303	1	14
Maple	.....	.....	432.8	274.7	459.5	6	35
Marble	.....	.....	.....	1064.7	.....	4	32
Metrop. Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	521.5	‡4	.....
Middle	.....	.....	.....	.....	529	2	26
Mill	.....	587.9	796.4	.....	.....	6	45
Montvale Ave.	678	*221	850	953.5	.....	†11	98
New Street } off Pomw'h }	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Oriental Ct	.....	.....	475.8	.....	.....	2	13
Pearl	.....	.....	.....	250	253	2	27
Pine	.....	.....	895.6	936.7	781.1	12	118
Pleasant	.....	.....	.....	1346.7	1252.7	§14	103
Pomeworth	.....	.....	.....	1124	428.3	7	66
Pond	.....	.....	.....	1226.7	205.8	7	40
Private Land	.....	901.8	.....	.....	.....	4	37
Ravine Road	.....	.....	.....	.....	331	2	.....
Rowe	.....	.....	.....	.....	278	1	13
Spring	.....	.....	.....	1198.5	.....	5	51
Summer	.....	.....	.....	2203.1	557.2	15	116
Stevens	.....	.....	.....	278	.....	1	13
Tidd	.....	.....	.....	.....	353	2	21
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	168	1	9
Warren	.....	.....	.....	373.6	587.5	6	30
Washington	.....	.....	.....	297.1	.....	1	8
West	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Winter	.....	.....	.....	.....	130.8	1	5
Winthrop	.....	.....	.....	217.6	2.6	1	10

Street.	15 inch.	12 inch.	10 inch.	8 inch.	6 inch.	Manholes	5 in. Bran.
William	.....	1763.7	.....	608.4	.....	9	72
Wright	.....	.....	1497.5	468.8	801.9	12	107
Wright St. Ct.	.....	.....	.....	285	.....	1	9
Wyoming Ave	.....	.....	.....	743	.....	4	32
	678	4480.6	8274.1	19450.1	17668.0	234	1863

* signifies overflow for regulator not included. † includes regulator.
§ includes sump well for underdrain. ‡ includes sump manhole.

SUMMARY.

15 inch sewer	678	feet.
12 " "	4480.6	"
10 " "	8274.1	"
8 " "	19450.1	"
6 " "	17668	"
Total	50550.8	feet.

9.573 miles.
12 inch overflow for regulator 221 feet.

TABLE SHOWING LENGTH AND SIZE OF UNDERDRAINS CONSTRUCTED TO FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

Street.	8 inch.	6 inch.	5 inch.	4 inch.	3 inch.
Common	.....	.....	.....	324	.....
Cottage	855.2	.....	315.5	.....	.....
Flint Ave	.....	.....	.....	675	.....
Franklin	.....	*108	1486.4	.....	.....
Fuller	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
Gould	388.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	.....	.....	458.5	.....	.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	975	.....	.....
Main	.....	1846.5	1271.4	.....	.....
Maple	.....	432.8	.....	.....	.....
Marble	.....	1064.7	.....	.....	.....
Mill	193.5	796.4	.....	.....	.....
Montvale Ave	.....	282	728.5	551	.....
New Street off Pomeworth	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Oriental Ct	475.8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine	895.6	.....	497.4	.....	.....
Pleasant	106.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomeworth	.....	.....	97	.....	.....
Private Land	.....	16	753	.....	.....
Summer	.....	.....	947.1	25	335
Stevens	.....	.....	105.3	.....	.....
Union	.....	.....	.....	165	.....
Warren	.....	.....	495.6	.....	.....
Washington	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
William	.....	.....	1757.7	.....	.....
Wright	.....	1497.5	530.8	.....	.....
	2925.1	6043.9	10291.2	1646	335

* outlet for underdrain.

SUMMARY.

8 inch underdrain	2925.1 feet.
6 " "	6043.9 "
5 " "	10343.2 "
4 " "	1646 "
3 " "	335 "
Total	21393.2 feet.

4.052 miles.

TABLE SHOWING LENGTH AND SIZE OF SURFACE DRAINS TO FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

Street.	20 inch.	18 inch.	15 inch.	12 inch.	10 inch.
Gould	.....	.....	.....	550	.....
Green	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
Pine	.....	.....	.....	.....	386
Pleasant	.....	10.7	322.7	.....	.....
Pomeworth	184.5	.....	406.3	.....	.....
Spring	.....	.....	212.3	981.2	5
Stevens	.....	.....	.....	.....	172
Tidd	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
	184.5	10.7	941.3	981.2	813

SUMMARY.

20 inch surface drain	184.5 feet.
18 " " "	10.7 "
15 " " "	941.3 "
12 " " "	981.2 "
10 " " "	813 "
Total	2930.7 feet.

.555 miles.

FINAL ESTIMATE OF WORK DONE ON SECTION NO. 3 BY THE TOWN OF STONEHAM ON ACCOUNT OF QUIMBY & FERGUSON.

Street.	EARTH EXCAVATION. 0 to 8 at $0.45.		8 to 14 at $0 55.		14 to 20 at $0.65.	
Benton	204	$91.80	.80	$ .44	.....	.....
Lincoln	952.5	428.62	146.90	80.80	.....	.....
Main	34.3	15.44	25.50	14.02	13.60	$8.84
Marble	1230	553.50	393.90	216.64	38.46	25.00
Warren	378.5	170.32	34.90	19.20	.....	.....
Winthrop	180.5	81.23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright	431.80	194.31	17	9.35	.....	.....
	3411.6	$1535.22	619.00	$340.45	52.06	$33.84

ROCK EXCAVATION.

Street.	0 to 8 at $3.50.		8 to 14 at $4.50.	
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	58.81	$205.84	39.55	$177.98
Main	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marble	91.56	320.46	101.96	458.82
Warren	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winthrop	5.99	20.96	.42	1.89
Wright	.....	.....	.....	.....
	156.36	$547.26	141.93	$638.69

PIPELAYING—Sewer.

Street.	10 inch at $0.10.		8 in. at $0.10.		6 in. at $0.10.		5 in. at $0.08.	
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	268.00	$26.80	.....	.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	964	$96.40	191.00	19.10	60.00	$4.80
Main	31	$3.10	12	1.20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marble	.....	.....	1046.7	104.67	.....	.....	109.00	8.72
Warren	.....	.....	420.5	41.05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winthrop	.....	.....	211	21.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright	.....	.....	369	36.90	166	16.60	.....	.....
	31	$3.10	3023.2	$302.32	625	$62.50	169	$13.52

PIPELAYING—Underdrain.

Street.	6 in. at $0.04.		5 in. at $0.03.		4 in. at $0.03.	
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	.....	.....	981	$29.43	67	$2.01
Main	33	$1.32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marble	1070	42.80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren	.....	.....	433.5	13.00	.....	.....
Winthrop	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright	.....	.....	453	13.59	.....	.....
	1103	$44.12	1867.5	$56.02	67	$2.01

MISCELLANEOUS.

Street.	Brick at $4.75.		Concrete at $4.00.		Lumber at $13.00.	
Benton	1.44	$6.84	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	13.28	63.08	3.27	$13.08	.....	.....
Main	5.70	27.07	.08	.32	.....	.....
Marble	15.41	73.20	7.30	29.20	7122	$92.58
Warren	5.30	25.18	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winthrop	2.26	10.73	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright	6.44	30.59	.....	.....	.....	.....
	49.83	$236.69	10.65	$42.60	7122	$92.58

TOTALS.

Benton	Street	$125.88
Lincoln	"	1121.14
Main	"	71.31
Marble	"	1925.59
Warren	"	269.75
Winthrop	"	135.91
Wright	"	301.34
		$3950.92

FINAL ESTIMATE OF WORK DONE BY THE TOWN OF STONEHAM ON SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR HOTEL LANGWOOD.

JOINT WORK.

Labor and teams as per pay roll	$1256.83
Material, Pipe, Cement, etc	561.39
Water	13.48
Blacksmith	35.00
Piles and Timber Foundation, Contract	589.62
Mason Contract	77.42
Sand and Gravel	28.00
Office and Yard	70.00
Use of Tools	61.33
Insurance, Employers' Liability	37.70
Engineering, Inspection and Plans	273.07
Total	$3003.84
Payment by Trustees of Langwood Park Land Co	1501.92
Private Connection Langwood Park Land Co	265.49
	$1767.41

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The Board of Selectmen have the honor to submit the following as their annual report for the year ending January 31st, 1898. The financial depression which has existed throughout the country during the past year has been felt in Stoneham, both capital and labor having suffered alike, but we hope with the citizens united for the Town's best interests and with the improvements now in progress to see Stoneham again even more prosperous than in former years.

For the financial transactions of the year and the present standing of the town we refer you to the report of the Town Treasurer, Fred E. Nickerson.

HIGHWAYS.

Wm. H. Sprague was appointed Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of the Selectmen. The appropriation was small and the condition of our streets, owing to the construction of the sewer, was unusually bad. The position was a trying one, but by judicious management the money has covered a large amount of ground and today the streets are in very fair condition.

STATE HIGHWAY.

In response to the petition of the previous Board of Selectmen, the State Highway Commission made an award

of $5,000 to be expended in constructing a State road, beginning at the Medford line and following the course of Main Street north, about one-half mile. This section of Main Street being wholly within the limits of the Metropolitan Park, we believed it to be more advantageous to the town to change the location to that section of Main Street which lies between South Street and Marble Street. After several conferences with said Commission the desired result was obtained. The road will be open to the public in the early spring.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The Street Lighting problem was a different one to solve. The appropriation was reduced more than 20 per cent from the preceding year. It seemed impossible to continue the service then existing, but after many interviews with representatives of the Electric Light Co., an arrangements was made by which they agreed to light the town for one year for the sum appropriated.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was observed by the usual exercises, which were conducted by Post 75, G. A. R., W. F. Hadley, Commander. Although thirty-three years have passed since the close of the war, the comrades responded to the call in large numbers and performed the duties of the day in the most fitting manner.

PERAMBULATIONS.

August 26th the Selectmen perambulated the Town line between Reading and Stoneham and found all monuments in their proper positions as required by law.

December 16 Wm. H. Sprague and Sidney A. Hill, representing the Board, met a committee from Medford,

consisting of Mayor Lovering, Alderman Wilber and City Engineer Barnes and perambulated the line between Stoneham and said city. All monuments were in good condition and in their proper positions.

METROPOLITAN PARK.

The matter of the most vital importance to the town brought to the attention of the Selectmen was the roads in the Metropolitan Park, whereas, nearly all the taxable property in this district had been forfeited, we believe it unjust that the Town should continue to bear the expense of keeping these roads in repair. After meeting the Park Board many times, an agreement was made by which the Town is relieved of all care and responsibility of said roads.

COPY OF AGREEMENT.

Agreement made this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, between the Town of Stoneham, acting herein by its Board of Selectmen, hereunto duly authorized, by vote of said town, August 19, 1897, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting herein by its Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, constituted under Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1893, and acts in addition to and amendment thereof, but not for themselves, individually or jointly.

Witnesseth, That the parties to these presents, each in consideration of the covenants and agreements on the part of the other herein contained, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

The said Town agrees to put in good repair as gravel roads, well rounded and graded by cleaning gutters and providing suitable cut-outs, the following streets in said Town: South, Pond, Ravine and Woodland Roads wherever they abut Park lands, and to expend in such work the sum of

five thousand dollars, it being understood that the gravel for such repairs shall be taken from convenient banks within the Park lands as the same be designated by the said Board of Park Commissioners and no compensation shall be paid by said town for said gravel, and so soon as said repairs are made, and said Commonwealth has put Main Street from South Street to the Medford line in temporary repair as hereinbelow specified, it will concur with said Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners in taking by said Commonwealth of all of said roads.

The Metropolitan Park Commission agrees that, being permitted by said Selectmen, it will at once make temporary repairs upon said Main Street, between said South Street and the Medford line, and that so soon as the other roads above specified have been repaired by said Selectmen of Stoneham according to their agreement herein, it will with the concurrence of said Selectmen, take all of said roads and said Main Street, assessing no betterments on account thereof, and will, at once, permanently repair and improve said Main Street, and that thereafter it will maintain and care for all of said roads.

And it is further mutually agreed that both Boards shall unite in urging the Highway Commission to expend the sum of five thousand dollars outside of said Reservation upon said Main Street towards Marble Street and shall also unite in urging the Metropolitan Water Board to at once restore the Ravine Road to good repair.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereto set their hands and seals, the Commonwealth executing these presents by its said Board, William B. de las Casas, Abraham L. Richards, Augustus Hemenway, Edwin B. Haskell and Edwin U. Curtis, who incur no personal liability by reason of the execution hereof or of anything herein contained.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts by
WILLIAM B. de las CASES,
ABRAHAM L. RICHARDS,
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
EDWIN B. HASKELL,
EDWIN U. CURTIS.
Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

Town of Stoneham by
WILLIAM H. SPRAGUE,
SIDNEY A. HILL,
DAVID T. STRANGE,
Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham.

GUIDE BOARDS.

The Selectmen found that nearly all the notices at Private ways were gone and have caused new ones to be placed in their proper position. All Guide Boards are in very good condition.

DAMAGE CLAIMS.

Lewis Surrette for injuries received from a fall caused by defect in sidewalk on Green Street. Settled by Selectmen for the sum of $30.00.

A. V. Lynde for alleged damage to property on Summer Street, caused by removing ledge, was awarded by the Superior Court at Cambridge, the sum of $460.00.

M. H. Fitzgerald for land taken by the Town for new street between Franklin and Hancock Street, and damage to remaining property was awarded by the Superior Court at Cambridge the sum of $2365.27.

No unsettled claims remain over.

JURORS.

During the year the following gentlemen have been drawn on the several juries:

SUPERIOR COURT.

Edmund A, Colby, Byron C. Brown,
James O'Loughlin, Herman C. Teele.

POLICE.

This department has for the past year been under the direction of J. C. C. Small, Chief, and J. J. Scally and E. G. Martin, and its duties have been faithfully performed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Under the management of Chief Engineer, George E. Sturtevant and his able assistants this department has been kept up to its high st andard and we are pleased to say, has our entire confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SPRAGUE,
SIDNEY A. HILL.
DAVID T. STRANGE,
Selectmen of Stoneham.

REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Your Water Committee respectfully submit the following report:

In accordance with the vote of the town, passed Thursday, January the twenty-eighth, 1897, whereby the Water Committee was instructed to apply to the Legislature for an act giving Stoneham the right to be admitted into the Metropolitan Water District without first acquiring the property of the Wakefield Water Company, and for authority to construct a distributing system for the purpose of supplying the town and its inhabitants with pure water to be obtained from the Metropolitan Water Board, either unconditionally or upon condition that the Wakefield Water Company shall not, within a limited time, offer to the town its distributing system within the town, for the cost of reproduction, less depreciation, by age and use, or for such other compensation as the Legislature may determine; and for authority to purchase such distributing system for such compensation, if so offered, have attended to their duty and take pleasure in presenting to you the following Act:

[CHAP. 473,]

AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF STONEHAM WITH WATER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION. 1. The metropolitan water board shall on application admit the town of Stoneham into the metropolitan water district, and furnish water to the same on the terms prescribed by chapter four hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five for the cities and towns included in said metropolitan water district, and on such payment of money as said board may determine, and said town of Stoneham may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, obtaining the same from said board, by applying to be admitted into said district; and may establish fountains and hydrants, relocate or discontinue the same, may regulate the use of such water and fix and collect rates to be paid for the use of the same.

SEC. 2. Said town, for the purpose aforesaid, may hold and convey the water to be furnished by said metropolitan water board as hereinbefore provided, through said town, and may also take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, all lands, right of way and easements necessary for holding, storing, purifying and preserving such water and conveying the same to any part of said town of Stoneham; and may erect on the lands thus taken or held, proper dams, reservoirs, buildings, fixtures or other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery, and provide such other means and appliances as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and may construct and lay down conduits, pipes and other works, under and over any lands, water

courses, railroads or public or private ways, and along any such way, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same, and for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing such conduits, pipes or other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, said town may dig up any such lands, and may enter upon and dig up any such ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel thereon. The title to all lands taken or purchased under the provisions of this act shall vest in said town, and the land so taken may be managed, improved or controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, in such manner as they shall deem for the best interests of said town.

Sec. 3. Said town shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way or easements as aforesaid, otherwise than by purchase, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Middlesex a discription thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 4. Said town shall pay all damages sustained by any person or corporation in property by the taking of any lands, rights of way or easements, or by any other thing done by said town under the authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid under this act, who fails to agree with said town as to the amount of damages sustained, may have the damages assessed and determined in the manner provided by law when land is taken for the laying out of highways, on making application at any time within the period of one year from the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury

under the authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said one year.

SEC. 5. In every case of a petition to the superior court for an assessment of damages the town may tender to the complainant or his attorney any sum, or may bring the same into court to be paid to the complainant, for the damages by him sustained or claimed in his petition, or may in writing, offer to be defaulted and that damages may be awarded against it for the sum therein expressed, and if the complainant does not accept such sum, with his costs up to that time, but proceeds in his suit and does not recover greater damages than were so offered or tendered, not including interest on the sum recovered in damages from the date of such offer or tender, the town shall have judgment for its costs after said date, for which execution shall issue, and the complainant if he recovers damages shall be allowed his costs only to the date of such offer or tender.

SEC. 6. Said town may, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip to an amount sufficient for such purpose, to be determined by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for. Such bonds, notes or scrip shall bear on their face the words, Town of Stoneham Water Loan, shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue, and shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. Said town may sell such securities at public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes of this act, and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper: *provided*, that such securities shall not be sold for less than

the par value thereof. Said town shall provide at the time of contracting said loan for the establishment of a sinking fund, and shall annually contribute to such fund a sum sufficient with the accumulations thereof to pay the principal of said loan at maturity. Said sinking fund shall remain inviolate and pledged to the payment of said loan and shall be used for no other purpose.

SEC. 7. Said town instead of establishing a sinking fund may at the time of authorizing said loan provide for the payment thereof in such annual proportionate payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act, and when such vote has been passed the amount required thereby shall without further vote be assessed by the assessors of said town in each year thereafter until the debt incurred by said loan shall be extinguished, in the same manner as other taxes are assessed under provisions of section thirty-four of the Public Statutes.

SEC. 8. Said town shall raise annually by taxation a sum which with the income derived from water rates will be sufficient to pay the current annual expenses of operating its water works, including therein any annual payment to said metropolitan water board, and the interest as accrues on the notes, bonds and scrip issued as aforesaid by said town, and such contributions to the sinking fund and payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 9. Whoever uses any water taken under this act without the consent of said town, or wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any of the waters taken or held by said town pursuant to the provisions of this act, or destroys or injuries any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said town under the authority and for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to said town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be

recovered in an action of tort, and upon conviction of either of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.

SEC. 10. The occupant of any tenement shall be liable for the payment of the rent for the use of water in such tenement, and the owner shall also be liable in case of non-payment by the occupant for all sums due for the use of water under this act, to be collected in an action of contract in the name of the town of Stoneham.

SEC. 11. Said town shall after the acceptance of this act, at a legal meeting called for the purpose elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners, and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. No person shall be elected commissioner who holds at the time any town office by popular election. All the authority granted to the town by this act and not otherwise provided for shall be vested in said board of water commissioners, who shall be subject however to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may impose by its vote. The said commissioners shall be trustees of the sinking fund herein provided for and a majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business relative both to the water works and to the sinking fund. Any vacancy occuring in said board from any cause may be filled for the unexpired term by said town at any legal meeting held for the purpose.

SEC. 12. Said commissioners shall fix such prices or rents for the use of water as shall produce annually as near

as may be a net surplus over operating expenses, including therein any annual payment to said metropolitan water board, and interest charges equal to two per cent. of the total amount of bonds, notes or scrip issued under this act after paying all current expenses of operating the water works and interest upon loans, and after payment of all expenses for new construction, not exceeding one thousand dollars in any one year after the original construction. The sinking fund shall be set apart for the payment and redemption of said water loan, and shall remain inviolate and pledged to the payment of said loan and shall be used for no other purpose. The net surplus aforesaid shall be paid into the sinking fund if any is established hereunder, and if said surplus does not equal two per cent. of the total amount of the bonds, notes and scrip issued under this act the town shall raise by general taxation a sum which with the surplus will equal said two per cent., and shall contribute said sum to the sinking fund. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require render an account of all their doings in relation to the sinking fund, and shall be governed by the provisions of section eleven of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes, except as herein otherwise provided.

SEC. 13. If within thirty days after this act shall have been accepted by the town of Stoneham, as hereinafter provided, the Wakefield Water Company shall notify the chairman of the board of selectmen of said town in writing that it desires to sell to said town such portion of its mains, pipes, hydrants, gates and fixtures as are situated within the territorial limits of the town of Stoneham and are now used for the purpose of supplying said town and its inhabitants with water, excepting however its standpipe and all main pipes through which water is supplied to said standpipe or to the town of Wakefield or its inhabitants, reserving the right to

use the property which it desires to sell, as aforesaid, for supplying said town of Stoneham and the inhabitants thereof with water, at rates not exceeding those charged therefor at the time of the passage of this act, for a period not exceeding two years, terminating whenever said town of Stoneham, having voted to purchase as hereinafter provided, shall notify said company in writing that thereafter it desires the exclusive use of said property, said company agreeing to continue to use said property for so supplying water, and keep the same in good repair for such period, and further agreeing that at the end of said period it shall cease to have any right to supply said town of Stoneham or its inhabitants with water in any manner, and shall file with the town clerk of said town a specification and description of said property, said town shall not proceed to construct a distributing system for the water to be supplied to it and its inhabitants, under the authority of this act, unless it shall have first purchased of said company the property aforesaid, and said company is authorized to make sale of said property to said town and said town is authorized to purchase the same and manage and use the property thus conveyed for the purposes and under the provisions of this act. Whenever, within one year from the passage of this act, said town shall by a majority vote of the legal voters of said town present and voting thereon at a legal meeting called for that purpose, or at any annual town meeting, vote to purchase said property, notice of the desire of said company to sell the same having been given as hereinbefore provided, said property shall thereupon become the property of said town, and said town shall pay the fair value thereof, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided. In case said town and said company, after conference thereon, shall be unable to agree upon the value of said property, the supreme judicial court shall, upon application

by either party and notice to the other, appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be learned in the law and one a skilled engineer, who shall determine the fair value of said property, without allowance for past, present or future earnings or earning capacity, good will or any franchise or privilege of said company, and whose award, when accepted by the court, shall be final; but said company shall not be entitled to receive any payment as hereinbefore provided so long as any lien or other incumbrance remains upon said property or any part thereof, unless said commissioners shall otherwise determine, and said award shall not be paid until the time when said company shall finally cease to supply water to said town of Stoneham and its inhabitants as hereinbefore provided, and it shall draw interest only from that time.

SEC. 14. This act, except as provided in section fifteen, shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the town of Stoneham present and voting thereon at a legal town meeting called for the purpose within one year from its passage, but the number of meetings so called shall not exceed three.

SEC. 15. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of said town shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless and until accepted as hereinbefore provided by the qualified voters of said town. [*Approved June 7, 1897.*

The annual assessments that the town will pay to the Metropolitan Water Board, according the engineer's estimates, based one-third on valuation and two-thirds on population, assuming the number of inhabitants to be 6500 in 1898 and 7500 in 1904 and a total expenditure for the whole work of twenty-seven millions of dollars ($27,000,000,) are as follows:

1898	$1600
1899	2300
1900	3200
1901	4200
1902	5100
1903	5700
1904	6500

This estimate covers all charge of the Metropolitan Water Board for furnishing the town with water delivered at standpipe at sufficient pressure to avoid local pumping.

The engineer's plans call for the completion of the reservoir near the Langwood hotel, January 1st, 1899. The connection between it and our town system is to be made by the Metropolitan Water Board, which will place Stoneham in as advantageous a position, in regard to its water service, as any town in the Metropolitan District.

The committee have accomplished their work within the appropriation.

LYMAN DIKE.
DAVID T. STRANGE.
W. H. MARDEN.
W. H. SPRAGUE.
W. O. CHAMBERLIN.
W. H. TURNER.
F. B. JENKINS.

Stoneham, August 10th, 1897.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

LINDENWOOD CEMETERY.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery submit this, their annual report:

In making our annual report the Trustees are pleased to say that the citizens generally are very kind in assisting the Trustees in keeping the cemetery up in accordance with the ideas of the present time, in beautifying the grounds and in making them attractive to the people generally. The desire to have the lots graded and fitted up by the Trustees is still on the increase, for that reason we have had a number of lots prepared for us since our last report.

We would recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the general care of the Cemetery for ensuing year. We would also recommend that the Trustees be allowed the assets of the Cemetery for the purpose of grading avenues, putting in gutters, and preparing new lots, etc.

We have received for new lots	$305.50
" " " " single grave	8.00
" " " " wood, grass, etc	15.20
	$328.70
We have received from lot owners for water	$97.20
Paid out for water	50.00
Net profit	$47.00
The town appropriation	$400.00
The assets of the Cemetery, including bal. on water.	375 90
	$775.90
We have expended in repairs and new gutters	$714 97
Unexpended balance	$60.93

We have received for perpetual care of lots, the following amount viz:

From the estate of Sarah D. Hersam	$100.00
" " " " E. D. Hawkins	100.00
" " " " Thadeus Richardson	200.00
Total	$400.00

In taking care of the William Street Cemetery and the Old Yard, the Trustees have endeavored to stop making a dumping ground for all kinds of rubbish, that the citizens have complained of for the past years by covering the rubbish up and cutting some of the underbrush and posting notices forbiding people from using it for that purpose. We have also straightened up the head stone in both of the yards and filled up some of the holes in the Old Yard.

The appropriation from the Town was.....	$75.00
We have expended for repairs and care.....	65.93
Unexpended balance.....	$9.07

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID T. STRANGE,
F. E. NICKERSON,
S. D. WESTON,
CHAS. W. MESSER,
CHAS. C. DIKE,

Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.

REPORT

OF THE

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1898.

There has been 20 alarms as follows:

March 30. Grass fire on land of Etta Hemenway on Montvale avenue. No loss. Cause, burning grass.

April 4. Brush fire on land of Winthrop Hay, on Eustis and Spring streets. No loss. Cause unknown.

April 13. Brush fire on land of Sumner Richardson Hill street. No loss. Cause unknown.

April 25. Brush fire on land of Wm. Fitzpatrick on North street. No loss. Cause unknown.

May 1. Fire in shed on Wright street owned by C. D. R. Meacham. Loss on building and contents $100. No insurance. Cause, incendiary.

May 1. False alarm.

June 27. Fire in barn owned by Frank Doucett on Green street. Loss on buildings and contents $599. Insured for $360. Cause unknown.

July 7. Fire in block on Main street owned by J. G. Morrill. Loss $56.31. Insured for $6000. Cause, taper falling while lighting gas.

July 9. Fire in dwelling house owned by James A. Green, Main street. No loss. Cause, defective chimney.

July 20. False alarm.

Sept. 10. Fire in laundry building owned by Mrs. A. R. Green, on Central street. Loss $16.00. Insurance $1600. Cause, sparks from chimney.

Sept. 19. False alarm.

Sept. 20. Fire in house owned by W. B. Stevens, on Main street. No loss. Cause, burning out chimney.

Oct. 1. Fire in building corner William and Pomeworth streets owned by Mrs. T. R. Edgell. Loss on building $154. Insured for $100. Cause, unknown.

Oct. 13. Fire in barn owned by Mrs. Mary A. Hannon, on Spring street. Loss $100. Insured. Cause, un known.

Nov. 2. Fire in barn owned by Elizabeth Moffitt on Woodland Road. No loss. Cause, defective chimney.

Dec. 19. Fire in greenhouse on Spring Street, owned by Andre Christensen. No loss. Cause, heat from boiler setting fire to coal heap.

Dec. 20. Fire in shed on Emerson Street, owned by L. V. Colahan. No loss. Cause, incendiary.

Dec. 29. Fire in block in Central Square, owned by Daniel Hill. Loss on building and contents $225.50. Insured for $17,500. Cause, taper falling while lighting gas.

Jan. 27. Fire in barn on Pine Street, owned by Wm. Whowell. Loss on building and contents $750. Insured for $350. Cause, incendiary.

During the year property to the value of $37,150 has been endangered by fire, on it there has been a gross loss of $1,825.81. Insurance has been recovered to the amount of $1,179.31, leaving a net loss of $646.50.

There has been used at fires during the year 7,850 feet of hose and 275 feet of ladders.

During the past two years the Sewer Department has had the use of considerable of our hose, and at the present time a large part of it is in poor condition, and we recommend that the town purchase 1000 feet of new hose.

We wish to thank the members of your honorable board for the assistance and encouragement given us in the discharge of our duty during the year.

To the officers and members of the several companies we extend our sincere thanks for the willing and efficient manner in which they have performed their duty.

We also wish to thank the Police Department for the aid rendered by them at fires, and to the citizens of the town for the generous support given by them during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. STURTEVANT, Chief.
LOUIS F. BRUCE, Asst. Chief.
WM. E. MANZER, Clerk.
Engineers of Stoneham Fire Department.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The Almshouse and farm have for another year been under the charge and care of Mr. Hiram H. Lufler, as superintendent, and his wife, Mrs. Caroline Lufler, as matron. It will be remembered that they assumed the care of the same Sept. 10, 1895, and for the two successive years, from April 1, 1896, have been engaged to fulfil the duties of Superintendent and Matron, and we think it can be safely said those duties in the dwelling house and on the farm have been faithfully performed. All of the rooms at the present time are well furnished with suitable furniture for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. The farm also is under a good state of cultivation, and the grounds around the buildings show the taste and industry of the Superintendent and Matron.

The whole number provided for at the Farm, the past year, has been twenty-four, of this number nine have been discharged, one has died, leaving the present number fourteen.

NO.	NAME.	AGE.	BEGAN.	ENDED.
3	Samuel Gerry,	66	Dec. 2, 1858.	Continues.
5	Leander E. Goodwin,	63	June 16, 1881.	"
70	Margaret Mooney,	86	Sept 21, 1882.	"
71	Catherine Crocker,	81	Oct. 28, 1883.	"
80	Maggie W. Bailey,	40	Nov. 17, 1883.	"
129	Edward Dwyer,	85	Mar. 19, 1889.	"
141	George W. Cowdrey,	53	Feb. 6, 1892.	"
156	Joseph Bryant,	73	Oct. 21, 1893.	"
104	John Holmes,	70	Mar. 18, 1895.	Died July 15,'97
186	John Cunningham,	42	Dec. 26, 1896.	Continues.
187	Patrick Thornton,	71	Dec. 4, 1896.	"
188	Delia Dullea,	49	Oct. 16, 1896.	"
189	Lilla Tuttle,	41	Nov. 27, 1896.	Dis. June 1, '97
139	Michael Keegan,	63	April 1, 1897.	Continues.
121	Emma Bucknam,	67	June 7, 1897.	"
190	Alfred Marden,	56	Oct. 21, 1897.	Dis. Oct. 28, '97
191	Hattie Marden,	36	"	"
192	Hally Marden,	12	"	"
193	Bertha Marden,	11	"	"
194	Edward Marden,	10	"	"
195	Hattie Marden,	7	"	"
196	Lenepha Marden } twins,	1	"	"
197	Dianna Marden }	1	"	"
198	Augustus M. Parker,	60	Jan. 1, 1898.	Continues.

The name of Joseph Bryant, No. 156 was last year by mistake omitted.

The Overseers have had the following named children under their care the past year: James Dunn, Harry Allison Dunn, Elmer James Armstrong and John Ward, being the same children and remaining in the same families refered to in the report of 1897.

James Arthur Dunn, having recently arrived at the age of fourteen years, will require a change in his condition by the appointment of a guardian, or otherwise as may be legally required. We visited the Dunn children May 12, Aug. 20 and October 1, 1897, and January 18, 1898, and on several other times. Not finding them at home at all times we visited them at their school on severrl occasions. They

are well provided for in every respect, including good instruction, a pleasant home and the privileges of a good school. We have also visited Elmer James Armstrong and John Ward and find that they have been kindly cared for as during the last year.

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

In relation to outside relief we can adopt the language of last year's report: "That there have been an unusual number of calls for aid during the winter months, in consequence of the continued depression in business and inability of many persons, after days and weeks of effort made to obtain employment." In addition to the aid rendered by the Overseers of the Poor, much has been done by private, voluntary donations, also by the Kings' Daughters and other Benevolent societies, connected with the several churches, who have, as in the past, generously responded to calls for assistance and in many instances, have sought out and relieved the needy ones when there were no calls for aid.

TRAMPS.

The number of tramps reported by our Chief of Police as being provided for with food and lodging during the past year is 413, at an expense of $103.22, being an addition of 50 to the number reported for the year ending February 1, 1897.

INSANE.

The number of the insane at the several institutions during the past year was 17. The expense of three of the number will be paid by friends, leaving fourteen to be provided for by the town, viz:

Mary Russell at Worcester.
Ellen Daley at Danvers.
H. Porter Heywood at Medfield.
Hattie A. Chase at Danvers.
Margaret Murphy at Danvers.
James H. Foley at Danvers.
Wayland W. Elliott at Danvers.
Charles Dotey at Medfield.
R. W. Barnstead at Medfield.
Sarah Gordon at Danvers.
Alice E. Murphy at Westboro.
William J. Theobald at Danvers.
Arba A. Clark at Wellesley.
John Forrest at Wellesley.

JOHN G. BEEDE,
SILAS DEAN.
GEORGE N. GREEN,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF TOWN PHYSICIAN.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen:—I would submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1898.

During the past year nothing of particular interest has occurred requiring mention in this report. As usual the house has been in excellent condition, and the inmates tenderly cared for. The matron continues to deserve the good will of all for her kind and unselfish labors.

POOR FARM.

No births.	One death.	60 visits.

OUTSIDE POOR.

No births.	No deaths.	179 visits.	20 office calls.

Yours respectfully,

A. H. COWDREY, M. D.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Schools

OF THE

Town of Stoneham,

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1897—'98.

Regular meetings second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

WILLIAM B. SNOW, *Chairman*. Term expires 1899.

SARAH A. LYNDE, *Secretary*. Term expires 1898.

GEORGE A. GILBERT. Term expires 1900.

C. E. STEVENS, *Superintendent*.

Office, Center School Building. Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday, from 4 to 5 P. M.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1898

Spring Term begins Tuesday.....April 5

Holidays, April 19, June 17.

* Spring Terms ends.....June 24

Term, 12 weeks. Vacation, 10 weeks.

Fall Term begins Tuesday.....September 6

Holidays, Thanksgiving and the following day.

Fall Term ends.....December 22

Term, 16 weeks. Vacation, 1 week.

1899

Winter Term begins Tuesday.....January 3

Holiday, February 22.

* Winter Term ends.....March 24

Term, 12 weeks. Vacation 1 week.

Spring Term of 12 weeks begins Tuesday.....April 4

Intermediate, Primary and Ungraded Schools close one week earlier than above indicated.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee herewith present their annual report to the citizens of Stoneham.

The excellent condition of our schools testifies to the work of faithful and competent teachers under the direction of a skilful superintendent.

The schools lost two very efficient teachers early in the year. Miss Brown was called from the East school to Somerville and Miss Livingston from the North School to New Bedford by offers of higher salaries. They had taught in our schools for a long time and had won the love of the children and the confidence of the community.

Miss Norris, one of the teachers of the ninth grade left in October to accept a more lucrative position in Chelsea. At the close of the fall term, Mrs. Chauncey resigned her work at the South school after many years of faithful and conscientious service in the schools of Stoneham.

In filling vacancies in the corps of teachers, it has been the aim to obtain the best teachers available without regard to their residence; the highest interests of the schools can in no other way be secured. If a teacher qualified to fill a vacant position resides in Stoneham, this circumstance is favorable for her election. There are other towns able to offer higher salaries, as we have often learned when we have lost some of our best teachers. A number of the residents

of Stoneham who have never taught here, are teaching elsewhere at much higher salaries than can be paid in this town, —an evident reason for the fact that they would not be willing to accept work in our schools.

The number of pupils in the Wyoming school is thirteen, the same number as last year. The school has been continued because it was found that the distance to the nearest school in Melrose for which the children were fitted was too great for them to walk. The nearest schoolhouse in Melrose is temporarily occupied by the High school, but it will probably be used for lower grades as soon as the new High School building is completed. It will then be easy to arrange for the Wyoming children to enter the Melrose schools.

There have been some permanent improvements in the Center and High school buildings. The old out-building in the rear of the Center schoolhouse has been torn away and a two-story addition has been made to the house, whereby increased and improved sanitary accommodations have been provided. A special appropriation was made for this purpose and a little of the money appropriated for incidentals was also used.

A room in the basement of this building is now occupied by books and supplies. Since 1884, when the free text-book law went into operation, a small room in the second story of the High school building, formerly used as a teachers' room has been the only available place for receiving books and supplies and storing those not needed for immediate use. All such articles have been carried up one flight of stairs into this small room, a process involving much labor and some expense. By the present arrangement, the books and supplies can more easily be placed in the room in which they are to be kept, and in this larger room

they can be so arranged as to be more accessible when needed.

The room in the High school building previously used as a supply room has been furnished as a toilet room for the use of the teachers.

Our thanks are due and are hereby given to the Stoneham Town Improvement Association for the conspicuous change and improvement in the grounds in front of the Center and High school building.

The tuition of children in the schools of Wakefield and Melrose will call for an appropriation somewhat larger than that of last year. A year ago, there were twelve children living in Stoneham who attended school in Melrose and five who were in the Wakefield schools. At present there are twenty in the Melrose schools and five in those of Wakefield; two of this number are High school pupils.

The tuition is twenty-five dollars a year for each pupil in grades below the High and fifty dollars a year in the High schools. Thus about seven hundred dollars will be needed for the coming year if the number whose tuition we must pay should remain the same as now. It will be more likely to increase than to lessen, if building operations continue in that part of the town nearest to Melrose. It seems likely that we shall soon need a need a new schoolhouse in that vicinity.

The ninth grade has retained the large number it had when the year began, and consequently, it has been necessary to maintain two divisions throughout the year, a circumstance we could not foresee. For this reason we have been obliged to overdraw the appropriation, on account of which we have reluctantly left a little of the incidental money unexpended. It was possible to do this only by delaying for a time the purchase of books which are very much needed.

A room for one division of the ninth grade was made by taking for this purpose a portion of the High School hall; this has rendered the hall less convenient for general purposes.

We have carefully considered the needs of the schools for the coming year and respectfully recommend appropriations as follows:

Salaries, fuel and care of houses	$17,300.00
Incidentials, books and supplies	2,800.00
Salary of superintendent	1,000.00
Secretary and care of books and supplies	125.00
Tuition	700.00
	$21,925.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INSTRUCTION, FUEL AND CARE OF HOUSES.

Appropriation		$16,800.00
Bills approved:		
Salaries of Teachers and Janitors	$16,121.46	
Fuel	1,153.82	
		$17,275.28
Overdrawn		$475.28

INCIDENTALS, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	$2,800.00	
Books sold	3.16	
		$2.803.16
Bills approved:		
Incidentals	$1,433.45	
Books and supplies	$1,235.38	
		2,668.83
Unexpended		$134.33

TUITION.

Appropriation		$500.00
Bills approved:		
Town of Wakefield	$137.50	
" " Melrose	315.00	
		$452.50
Unexpended		$47.50

CENTER SCHOOL ADDITION.

Appropriation	$1.300.00
Bills approved	1,297.18
Unexpended	$2.82

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Appropriation	$1,000.00
Bills approved	1,000.00

CARE OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	$125.00
Expended	125.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. SNOW,
SARAH A. LYNDE,
GEORGE A. GILBERT.
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Stoneham:

I have the honor to submit to you my fourth annual report, the same being for the year ending with the last week in January, 1898.

The regular school year begins in April and ends in March of the year following. The fiscal year of the town extends from February 1st of each year to the last of January of the year next succeeding, hence, the school report, regardless of the division of the year into separate terms covers the same period.

Teachers. There are now twenty-nine regular teachers employed by the town of whom five have been appointed during the year. During the same time four teachers have resigned, three to accept positions elsewhere at considerable advance in salary. The following table shows the changes of the year:

WITHDRAWALS.	SCHOOL.	ELECTIONS.
Mary F. Livingston,	North	
Lizzie S. Brown,	East,	Abigail Hazelton.
	North St.,	Alice H. Smith.
	Center,	Emma M. Damon.
Jeanette Norris,	Center,	Ella F. Clark.
M. C. Chauncey,	South,	Mary C. Strange.

Miss Kelley was transferred from North Street to North School and Miss Bryant from grade VIII to grade IX, Center.

Teachers' Meetings. These have been maintained throughout the year much as in preceding years. At our general teachers' meetings there have been addresses by Mr. Wm. B. Snow on, "The Relations of Teachers to the School Committee," by Mr. J. W. MacDonald on "The Art of Questioning," and by Dr. W. P. Beckwith, principal of the Salem Normal School on "The Spirit of the Teacher." By invitation of Supt. Hussey, of Wakefield, the teachers went to Wakefield in December to listen to an inspiring address by Prof. Tomlins, of Chicago, on "Music."

Two volunteer classes, one in "The Philosophy of Teaching" and one in "Advanced Geography" were formed in the fall and have met with the Superintendent about once a month.

Grade meetings both voluntary and by appointment have been held much as in former years. In addition to these meetings teachers have availed themselves of the numerous opportunities for improvement afforded by the many classes, lectures and conferences in Boston.

The summer school at Salem in July was attended by several of the teachers who report a profitable session.

Departmental Teaching. At the opening of the school year in April the large number of pupils (sixty-four) in the ninth grade made it necessary to employ two teachers. An additional room being necessary, one was made by using one end of High School hall and both divisions of the ninth grade were placed on the upper floor where they would be near each other. The two schools of the eighth grade were assigned to the two front rooms on the first floor. This arrangement of schools was favorable to a change in the plan of teaching.

We have heard much of late in educational circles in regard to Departmental teaching. The plan briefly stated is

to have each teacher teach one or two subjects to several schools rather than all subjects to one school. It is generally admitted that this plan will result in great improvement in teaching efficiency. An argument against the plan sometimes heard is that the personal influence of the teacher may be lessened and the school discipline may be less satisfactory.

But if we can secure the improvement and that without loss of desirable elements, it would seem wise to do so. This was our purpose in adopting in a modified form departmental teaching.

The two ninth grade teachers planned together a program of work each teacher taking her chosen subjects with both classes. The teachers and not the pupils change rooms, but this is easily and quickly done as the roo ns are near together.

This method of work has been highly satisfactory to teachers and pupils. As evidence that the interest of the pupils has been unusually well sustained it may stated that the number of pupils in the ninth grade now is but one less than at the beginning of the school year.

This arrangement having proved so satisfactory in the ninth grade was adopted by the eighth grade teachers at the beginning of the fall term and the result has been equally gratifying. The gain in efficiency of teaching and in interest of the pupils is clearly evident and thus far I have observed no unsatisfactory result.

It is to be regretted that the seventh grades not being in the same building cannot well adopt the same method.

It may be here stated that while there has been during the past two years little or no gain in membership in the lower grades, there has been a substantial increase in the upper grammar grades and the high school. Two years ago there were sixty-seven (67) pnpils in the high school, fifty-

four (54) in the ninth grade, forty-five (45) in the eighth, and eighty-five (85) in the seventh grade. At the present time there are eighty-nine (89) in the high school, sixty-three (63) in the ninth, seventy (70) in the eighth, and eighty-seven (87) in the seventh.

These figures seem to indicate that the older pupils are not leaving school as early as formerly. They indicate also that the high school will have large entering classes for several years to come. Probably not less than fifty will enter the school in April which, making due allowance for the number who will graduate in March and for a few others who will drop out, will give a total membership of about 125.

Your attention is called to the annual reports of the Principal of the High School, the Supervisor of Music, and the Supervisor of Drawing which are here inserted.

STONEHAM, JANUARY 31, 1898.

MR. C. E. STEVENS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

DEAR SIR:—I hereby submit my third annual report. The high school year of '97-98 has been a prosperous one. The average membership for the year has been 96, the largest in the history of the school. The enrollment by courses at the present time is as follows:

Four years Greek Course	5
Four years Latin Course	41
Three years English Course	28
Two years Business Course	15
Total	89

With the advent of a new class in April the membership, on a conservative estimate will reach 125. To accom-

modate this number thirty new seats will be needed. In the near future we shall need an additional teacher. Every large entering class must necessarily recite in two or more divisions; this means an increase in the number of classes.

Again the requirements for admission to Colleges, Technical Schools and Normal Schools are being so constantly raised that classes must spend a longer time than formerly on certain studies. This means, also, that shortly we shall need an increase in the teaching force.

To meet the demands of the times the course of study should be somewhat changed. The requirments for admission to Technical Schools and Normal Schools have been so raised during the past few years, that the regular three years English course no longer fits properly for them. In my opinion the English course should be lengthened at once to embrace four years.

At the present day, Stenography and Type-writing are essential elements of a good business course. A teacher of these subjects should be secured, otherwise, the course should be abolished.

The study of Book-keeping could be incorporated with profit into one of the other courses, but to call a certain course of study a Business Course is misleading when it does not meet the business requirements of today, however well it may have met them in the past.

There has been marked improvements in the work of the Military Company during the year. Much of this improvement is undoubtedly due to the requirement that every boy shall drill in military cap and blouse. This change which went into effect Oct. 1, not only made immediate improvement in the appearance of the company, but deeper than that, it seemed to engender a greater respect for the drill and greater pleasure in it. The successful contestants

in the annual prize drill this year were Duncan M. Stewart, gold medal, Joseph B. Finnegan, silver medal.

A very substantial interest has been taken in the school by parents and citizens during the year. This interest has been particularly manifested in grading the lawn in front of the high school building. The cost of this work, over seven hundred dollars, was paid by public subscription.

Our thanks are due to the class of '97 for the presentation of a large, beautiful picture of "A Roman Chariot Race." This noble picture adds much to the attractiveness of the high school room and is a source of enjoyment to us all. More than all this, it shows an affectionate interest in the school by its graduates.

In every school the interest and co-operation of the Alumni is an important element of strength.

During the year a society has been organized by part of the pupils for the study of minerals and birds. This society has held frequent meetings and has done commendable work. Partly through the efforts of the society and partly through the generosity of interested citizens the school has received as gifts several nicely mounted specimens of birds, and also some rare mineral specimens.

The high school herbarium has been augmented by the addition of twenty-three specimens. Following is the list of contributors:

Josie F. Stevens,—Swamp Saxifrage, Sheep Laurel.
Charles Cochran,—Bulbous Buttercup, Cranesbill.
Teresa Deferrari,—Nodding Trillium.
Bessie Cloutman,—Bellwort, Rock Rose.
Marcia Tabbut,—Choke Cherry, Saxifrage.
Kate Finnegan,—Joe-Pye Weed, Beggar's Ticks.
Lena B. Marr,—Corydalis, Early Meadow Rue.
Catherine Munro,—Carpet Weed, Indian Cucumber.

Conrad Dewhurst,—Hepatica, Bloodroot.

Annie Leach,—Four-leaved Loosestrife, Water Avens.

William Lawry,—Rabbit Clover.

Gertrude Benson,—Wild Rose.

Emily Thompson,—Caraway.

Amy York,—Horseshoe Violet.

I would call the attention of parents, who have children about to enter the High School, to the following course of study:

Four Years' Course, Section A. First year—Botany, Physics, English, Algebra, Latin. Second year—Greek, History, Geometry, Latin. Third year—Greek, English, French, Latin. Fourth year—Greek, English, French, Latin, Reviews.

Four Years' Course, Section B. First year—Botany, Physics, English, Algebra, Latin. Second year—French, History, Geometry, Latin. Third year—French, English, Latin, Geology, Astronomy. Fourth year—French, English, Latin, Civil Government, Chemistry, Reviews.

Three Years' Course. First year—Botany, Physics, English, Algebra, French, Book-keeping, (optional.) Second year—History, English, Geometry, French. Third year—French, English, Chemistry, Civil Government, Geology, Astronomy.

Two Years' Course. First year—Botany, Physics, English, History, Business Arithmetic, Book-keeping. Second year—English, Chemistry, Geology, Civil Government, Astronomy.

It will be observed that in case a pupil wishes to change his course after entering the High School that it is easier for him to change from a longer to a shorter course than it is to change from a shorter to a longer.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the recently promulgat-

ed idea of "High School Extension" which has already gained ground in many Massachusetts' High Schools may eventually be adopted in Stoneham.

The "High School Extension" idea briefly stated is this: Any citizen who desires to review any study or studies pursued in former years, or who wishes to take up new subjects of study may freely enter any of the existing classes of the high school and listen to the instruction therein given, taking part or not in the recitations and discussions, at his or her own pleasure.

There has been no change in the corps of teachers during the year. To this fact much of the success of the year has been due.

The teachers sincerely appreciate the continual encouragement and co-operation of parents, citizens, Superintendent and School Board.

Respectfully yours,

C. J. EMERSON.

STONEHAM, JANUARY 31, 1898.

MR. C. E. STEVENS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to submit to you my annual report as Supervisor of Music.

In the education of a child music may exert a very wide influence—an influence reaching beyond the mere knowledge of the science itself and affecting more or less the child's whole nature.

Music should be so taught as to serve as a valuable aid in the physical mental and moral culture of the pupils. That it can be so taught has been proved conclusively and its usefulness in the school room has come to be so universally acknowledged that the school with no music is the exception.

When proper attention is given to the voice, to position and to correct breathing, the beneficial effects of singing upon the physical health are considerable. Make deep breathing a habit and more has been done for the good health of the pupils than can possibly be done by any other means.

As an aid in mental discipline and the training of the eye, sight singing is valuable in the same way that mathematics and all study of form are useful.

The rapidity with which the mind must work to see at a glance, the length and pitch of each note, to grasp the musical phase, to read the words connected with it, not to mention the variations required in power and time, can hardly be appreciated.

The refining and elevating influence of good music upon the moral nature of the child is acknowledged by all. There are very few human beings in whom no interest in music can be awakened, and the interest displayed by most children proves their eagerness to be admitted into the world of music.

Plato said, "The purpose of education is to give to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable. It is with pleasure that I note the advance in this line of work.

Our pupils are learning to read music as they read language and their interest is kept by their increasing power to grasp the meaning of more advanced work.

The quality of voice is also improving and too much stress cannot be given this part of the work.

The singing of vowels and independent syllables with proper soft tone, with sufficient vitality and intensity to produce a good tone-character is the main reliance for good voice-work in public schools.

Nothing can be so destructive to natural quality of tone

as loud or forced singing. Children have not large singing voices.

In this work the parents and those who have supervision of musical entertainments, where children are required, can join us in our efforts to produce soft, sweet singing.

The teachers have been untiring in their work and to them is due much of the credit of our advancement.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. PAGE,
Supervisor of Music.

STONEHAM, JANUARY 30, 1898.

MR. C E. STEVENS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

DEAR SIR:—Instead of attempting to state what has been accomplished in the subject of drawing, we prefer to leave the work to speak for itself in the exhibit which occurs later, and take this opportunity to touch upon one of the things which we hope to accomplish during the coming year.

In the report of last year, we gave a general outline of the course of study in the primary and grammar grades. This outline continues to be the basis of the work, which varies from year to year according to the progress of the pupils and according to such changes as may seem best in order to better adapt the subjects to the needs of the public schools of this town. For more than two years, the pupils have had instruction in drawing under the direction of a supervisor and during this time our aim has been principally to enable them to represent objects,—mechanically, as the machinist or architect would represent them, and freehand, as the artist or illustrator would depict them. But it has long seemed as though instruction in art should do more than give mere ability to draw, just as the study of reading should

do more than give the mere power to read,—that even as in the schoolroom we endeavor to cultivate the child's taste so that he shall appreciate the best literature, so should we seek to lead him to love the best in art. It is not enough that he acquire a little skill in drawing, as all may do, neither is it enough if he acquire a great degree of proficiency in this line, as only a few can do, but he must also know and love some of those masterpieces of art which have for years been the help and inspiration of so many lives.

As there are certain books, certain musical compositions which have power to exert a wonderful influence for good over most minds, so there are certain pictures which appeal to the best that there is in us, and which no one can see and at all comprehend, without being the better for it. And we must not be content even if the pupils do draw fairly well, —although this of course must be attained and they must certainly do better from year to year,—but if they are to go no higher than their own little efforts, they will have lost something which has power to afford them great enjoyment as well as to inspire their own attempts.

"But," some one may say,—"Is it worth while to study after this manner? Only a few will ever have opportunity to see the original paintings, and are not the reproductions far below the originals?" Certainly they are, but they exert the same influence, only not in so great degree as the pictures themselves. The fact that so seldom is it possible for one to travel and see the paintings is the very reason for an endeavor to have the pupils become familiar with the best illustrations of the works of the great artists, both of the past and present.

Some attempt has been made to study noted pictures, but it has necessarily been limited on account of the only illustrations being a large one, which occasionally we have

been able to procure, or a few small ones cut from magazines and papers brought by the pupils. When the picture is quite large, it can of course be seen from all parts of the room and thus studied by the class together, the teacher directing attention to this or that point of interest, but we have had few large enough for such use, and with the small reproduction and not more than two or three of a kind, it is impossible for the entire class to study satisfactorily at one time. It would be a great help if we could have in each school a few large copies of paintings, so that we could arrange a systematic course of study in this line of work. It would not be necessary to frame the pictures, for they could be mounted upon cardboard and kept in portfolios, and if different subjects were furnished for different schools, we could exchange portfolios and thus have greater variety. It is hoped that another year it will be possible to do more work of this nature than we have yet attempted.

As the drawing has progressed it has been necessary to have more materials than at first and we desire here to express our thanks for the readiness and promptness with which they have been supplied, also for the many other ways in which you and the committee, as well as the teachers, have helped us in the work.

Yours truly,

EVELYN F. CROSS.

School Exhibit. As was announced in the report of last year an exhibit of school work was held near the close of the winter term in High School hall.

Mounting frames six feet wide were placed on the four walls of the room and two frame-work partitions across the hall were erected, thus giving in all about 1300 square feet

of mounting surface. This area was covered with papers of the pupils' work selected from all the different schools and arranged by subject and by grade

No pupil's name appeared twice in the mounted exhibit of any one subject. Drawing, Penmanship, Language, Nature Study, History, Geography and Arithmetic were represented, but special prominence was given to the first four subjects. In addition to the mounted work several hundred papers in each subject were bound together and arranged on long tables, so that *every pupil* could be represented.

This exhibit, made possible by the hearty co operation of the teachers, was open to the public March 2nd, afternoon and evening, and four other subsequent days. A pleasing feature on two evenings was singing by pupils from the grammar schools.

The exhibit was visited by superintendents, school officials and teachers from out of town, and by hundreds of interested citizens of the town. Pleasant words were said by all, including the local press. As well expressing the popular verdict quotation is here made from an editorial in the "Stoneham Independent" of March 20, 1897.

"Those of our people who have failed to visit the exhibition in High School hall, of work done by the pupils of the public schools have missed a valuable object lesson which has been a surprise to all who have attended.

It would seem that nothing could better show the worth and standing of the Stoneham schools than this practical demonstration of results of the methods now pursued in teaching.

It cannot fail to leave a deep impression on the minds of all who have examined the work as the great progress which our schools have made under intelligent supervision,

and lead to an appreciation of the public schools such as has never been felt before.

It is remarkable how rapidly the pupils in the first grades, the little tots of five, six and seven years of age, are enabled to comprehend what is taught them under the present system, and the awakening and development of the mind must place children of this age in a position where they can grasp with much less effort the more difficult studies of the higher grades.

As to the exhibit there was such a mass of it and of so varied a character that it would be impossible to give it anything like an adequate description and we can only speak of it in a general way. * * * * * There is no portion of it, however, that is not of interest, and a whole day could be spent with pleasure and profit in looking over the innumerable specimens of handwriting; the original designs for ornamental work; the descriptive compositions showing the progress in language study; the freehand and other drawings; the clay modelling by the little ones; the maps showing knowledge of the additions to the country from time to time in our history, and the natural and manufactured products of all sections of the United States; the illustrated scrap books in which can be traced through pictures, important events in history; the arithmetical problems, and among the most beautitul of all, perhaps, the exhibit of results in nature study or botany."

Conclusion. This report, which must be short in order to make room for printnig the "General Regulations," must not be closed without recording the fact that every school in town has had a successful year. A few schools have not reached the most desirable standard of excellent, but the record of the year for the most part has been exceptionally good.

There has been no serious interruption of any kind, and all the elements of success have worked together harmoniously. Parents, teachers, pupils, Superintendent and School Committee have had a common purpose. This happy union of effort has made possible the success of the year,—a success greater than that of any preceeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. STEVENS,

Superintendent.

Enrollment by Grade and Age, September, 1897.

YEARS	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	TOTALS.
Grade I	62	69	31	8	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	172
" II	....	24	51	26	12	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	118
" III	....	....	8	40	31	11	3	1	1	....	....	...	....	....	....	95
" IV	....	....	....	11	34	26	13	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	89
" V	....	....	....	1	12	31	17	17	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	84
" VI	....	....	....	....	2	11	36	32	18	3	....	....	....	....	....	102
" VII	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	21	36	16	7	1	1	....	....	94
" VIII	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	25	24	12	5	....	....	....	74
" IX	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	21	21	13	3	....	....	64
" X	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	8	15	5	1	....	35
" XI	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	10	18	3	1	35
" XII	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	5	7	4	5	21
" XIII	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	2	5
Ungraded	2	6	2	9	1	1	6	2	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	33
Totals	64	99	92	95	92	83	88	86	96	72	51	50	34	11	8	1021

LIST OF PRESENT TEACHERS.

THE DATE OF ELECTION, SCHOOL, GRADE AND SALARY.

NAME.	SCHOOL.	GRADE.	DATE OF ELECTION.	SALARY.
Charles J. Emerson,	High	.....	July, 1895.	$1700
Mary S. Bingham,	"	.....	March, 1893.	600
Mary E. Buzzell,	"	.....	August, 1894.	600
Annie M. Brackett,	"	.....	December, 1894.	600
Hattie M. Bryant,	Center	IX,	April, 1890.	500
Ella F. Clark,	"	IX,	October, 1897.	500
Eva F. Hard,	"	VIII,	July, 1872.	500
Emma M. Damon,	"	VIII,	April, 1897.	450
Alive V. Peyton,	"	VII,	March, 1885.	475
Ermina Dike,	"	VII,	August, 1881.	475
Mary I. Morse,	"	VI,	April, 1896.	425
Eva G. Jones,	"	V,	October, 1884.	425
Fanny F. Curtis,	"	III, IV,	September, 1885.	425
Nellie B. Cutter,	"	II, III,	August, 1889.	400
Mary A. Peffers,	"	I,	December, 1895.	400
Cora E. Green,	North	V, VI,	July, 1876.	425
Alice B. Hazelton,	"	III, IV,	September, 1896.	400
A. Gertrude Lynde,	"	II,	May, 1894.	400
Eveline F. Kelly,	"	I,	July, 1895.	400
Florence M. Lahey,	East	V, VI,	March, 1891.	425
Abigail Hazelton,	"	III, IV,	February, 1897.	400
Nettie A. Tarbett,	"	II,	December, 1894.	400
Hattie A. Hay,	"	I,	July, 1895.	400
Mary C. Strange,	South	V, VI,	December, 1897.	400
Velma F. Linscott,	"	III, IV,	March, 1896.	400
Harriet I. P. Upton,	"	II,	July, 1895.	400
Esther W. Buzzell,	"	I,	August, 1896.	400
S. D. Richardson,	Wyoming	Mixed,	April, 1863.	400
Alice H. Smith,	North St.	I, VI,	April, 1897.	400
Helen M. Page,	Music	.....	August, 1895.	400
Evelyn F. Cross,	Drawing	.....	July, 1895.	400
W. E. Sweetser,	Mil. Inst.	.....	July, 1895.	.....

Table of Statistics for the Year Ending January 28, 1898.

NAMES.	Enrollment.	Boys.	Girls.	Over 15.	Under 5.	Between 8 & 14	Aver. Mem.	Aver. Atten.	Pr.Ct. of Atten.	Tardinesses	Dismissals.	Visitors.
Charles J. Emerson	98	47	51	96	.....	.....	96	93	97	147	234	56
Hattie M. Bryant	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	32.9	32	97.4	32	31	15
Ella F. Clark	74	37	37	39	.....	5	32	30.4	95.2	63	57	12
Eva F. Hard	43	16	27	14	.....	8	39	37.4	95.8	16	23	20
Emma M. Damon	29	18	11	10	.....	10	34.8	33 4	95 8	32	42	12
Alice V. Peyton	47	26	21	6	.....	34	43.8	41.9	95 5	31	40	21
Ermina Dike	48	29	19	7	.....	26	46.2	43.8	94.8	52	60	16
Mary I. Morse	40	14	26	2	.....	36	40.9	38.4	93.8	68	54	41
Eva G. Jones	47	22	25	.....	.....	47	32.3	31	95	43	20	51
Fanny F. Curtis	41	27	14	.....	.....	40	42.3	40.9	96.6	75	9	55
Nellie B. Cutter	49	31	18	.....	.....	35	37.8	36	95	110	15	29
Mary A. Peffers	87	41	46	.....	2	4	45	41.2	91.3	148	27	47
Cora E. Green	51	28	23	1	.....	47	39.2	38	96	95	61	27
Alice B. Hazelton	41	21	20	.....	.....	39	43.8	42	96	66	32	50
A. Gertrude Lynde	27	16	11	.....	.....	15	28.8	27.6	96	43	15	47
Eveline F. Kelly	63	31	32	.....	2	3	30	27.9	92.2	95	19	70
Florence M. Lahey	42	20	22	.....	.....	42	37.5	36.1	96	13	60	17
Abigail Hazelton	47	28	19	.....	.....	46	39.5	38.5	97.3	40	32	33
Nettie A. Tarbett	36	20	16	.....	.....	22	28.6	27.7	96.8	26	10	48
Hattie A. Hay	75	34	41	.....	5	4	36.5	33.8	92.6	52	12	60
Mary C. Strange	43	20	23	.....	.....	38	36	34.1	94 6	36	36	18
Velma F. Linscott	40	21	19	.....	.....	40	44.7	43.1	96.3	35	16	67
Harriet I. P. Upton	35	19	16	.....	.....	17	28	26.9	96.2	38	13	58
Esther W. Buzzell	79	42	37	.....	1	6	38.6	36.8	95.2	106	10	88
S. D. Richardson	16	10	6	1	.....	9	13	11.4	95.4	7	3	15
Alice H. Smith	22	10	12	.....	1	10	16.2	15	95	74	13	22

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1897, from five (5) to fifteen (15) years of age	970
Number of males	512
Number of females	458
Number between eight and fourteen	557
Whole number enrolled in all schools	1221
Number of males	629
Number of females	592
Number less than five	11
Number over fifteen	177
Number between eight and fourteen	583
Number five years of age	125
Number six years of age	117
Number seven years of age	114
Number eight years of age	95
Number nine years of age	106
Number ten years of age	99
Number eleven years of age	96
Number twelve years of age	95
Number thirteen years of age	95
Number fourteen years of age	93
Average membership for the year	983.3
Average attendance for the year	938.3
Per centage of attendance	95.4
Number of tardinesses	1543
Number of dismissals	944
Number of regular teachers employed	29
Number of different schools	26
Number of visits not including those of Committee and Superintendent	995

Stoneham High School.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

OF THE

CLASS OF '97,

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1897.

Programme.

"The Miller's Wooing," *E. Faning*

Chorus.

Prayer.

"Over the Fields of Clover," *Adam Geibel*

Double Quartette.

Essay—Influence of the English Speaking People on the Civilization of the World, with Salutatory,

Claude E. Patch.

Essay—Influence of Hawthorne's Early Life on his Writings,

Alice Margaret Walsh.

Essay—Mount Vernon,

George S. MacFarland.

"A Meadow Song," *John Weigand*

Girls' Chorus.

Essay—Two Powers,
Wilbur W. Chapman.
Essay—The Children's Crusade,
Kathrine A. Devlin.
Class History,
Albert S. Woodward.
"Away to the Woods," *Adam Geibel*
Double Quartette.
Essay—Our Vocations,
Lilla F. Tarbett.
Oration—Obligations of an Educated Man,
Walter B. Pierce.
Essay—Grapes of Thorns, with Valedictory,
Carrie M. Kelly.
Award of Diplomas.
"High School Bells," *A. F. Loud*
Chorus.
Benediction.

GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Wilbur Wiggin Chapman, Irving Cheney Child,
Kathrine Agnes Devlin, Edith Rebecca Ervin,
George Stuart MacFarland, Carrie May Kelley,
Claude Eldred Patch, Walter Blake Pierce,
Lilla Frances Tarbett, Alice Margaret Walsh,
Albert Sewall Woodward.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Florence Ann Healey, Harry Lincoln Kenson,
Harry Eldredge Peabody, Lawrence Joseph Purtell,
Timothy Lawrence Sullivan, Edna Willermine Tyler,
William Franklin Turnbull, Alice Viola Williamson.

BUSINESS COURSE.

Winthrop Raymond Cutts, Bertha Mattie Harris,
Grace Berry Hayes, Phebe Ethel Hopkins,
Duncan Martin Stewart.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1897, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1898.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Percy L. Adams.
Nathan D. Chapman, 12 yrs.
Grace R. Corrin, 3 yrs.
Josephine F. Stevens.
Margaret S. Cherry.
Bessie E. Cloutman.
Ernest W. Fox.
Mabel B. Stone, 3 yrs.
Lulu M. Wilkins, 6 yrs.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

GRADE IX.

Harlan R. Counce, 2 yrs.
Mary Healey, 4 yrs.
Nettie R. Lahey, 7 yrs.
Chester S. Rickey,
Lena M. Harris, 3 yrs.
Christina V. Johonnott.
Roswell A. Nason.
John F. Reilly.

GRADE VIII.

John Conway.
W. Padilla Gray, 3 yrs.
Nellie A. Healey, 2 yrs.
Grace Meriam,
Fred R. Fall, 5 yrs.
Katie F. Kinnear, 4 yrs.
Charles McMahon.
Willie Plummer.

GRADE VII.

Henry Donovan.
Nina Johnson.
Esther M. Small.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Jessie Arnold.
Anna Dow.
Joseph M. Goodwin, 4 yrs.
Harold Jaquith.
Daniel Poor.
Joseph J. Reynolds.
George Conley.
Thomas Finnegan.
Elsie B. Gray.
Eddie L. McInniss.
John Purtell.
Ethel Sprague.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Frank J. Cogan,
James E. Donovan.
Julia E. Kinnear.

EAST SCHOOL.

George H. Bean, 2 yrs.
William Gay.
Mary J. McGuire.
George Plummer.
Elmer F. Waitt.
Edna Walker, 3 yrs.
Ethel Bell.
Edward Gay, 4 yrs.
Marie Montague.
Arthur Waitt.
Bertha Walker.
Roy Walker.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Lizzie J. Conway, 5 yrs.
Rose McGovern,
Thomas McPartland.
Ernest Gray.
Daniel McPartland, 2 yrs.
T. Arthur Shea.
Elwood Young, 2 yrs.

GENERAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I—SCHOOL SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The school year shall commence on the first Tuesday in April and shall be divided into three terms as follows: The first term to commence with the school year and end with the fourth Friday in June. The second term to commence on Tuesday following the first Monday in September and extend to the last school day before Christmas with a recess the last part of Thanksgiving week beginning Wednesday night. The third term to commence the first Tuesday in January (Wednesday when January 1 is Tuesday) and end with the Fourth Friday in March. The first and the third term of schools below the seventh grade also the ungraded schools shall close one week earlier than is indicated above.

SEC. 2. The schools shall be closed every Saturday and the following holidays: Washington's Birthday, 19th of April, Memorial Day and the 17th of June.

Teachers desiring to attend the meetings of the State, also of the County Teachers' Association may close school for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The High School shall have one session daily, beginning at eight o'clock and closing at quarter of one.

All other schools shall have two sessions daily,—a morning session beginning at quarter of nine and closing at quarter of twelve throughout the year; and an afternoon session beginning at two and closing at four o'clock from the first Monday of February to the first Monday of November and during the remainder of the year begin at half past one and close at half past three.

SEC. 4. In stormy weather the signal for no morning session of any of the schools shall be given at 7.50 A. M. For no morning session of grades one and six inclusive at 8 o'clock.

For no afternoon session of any of the schools at 12.45 P. M. For the afternoon session of grades one to six inclusive at 1.05 P. M.

CHAPTER II—TEACHERS.

SEC. 1. All teachers are required to make themselves acquainted with these regulations and to see that they are faithfully observed.

SEC. 2. In each building the principal shall have general oversight of the schools, and the other teachers will be expected to co operate in all efforts to promote good order, regular attendance and efficient school management. The principal shall have the care of the yard, basement and outbuildings and prescribe such rules for their use as seem necessary.

SEC. 3. All teachers are required to be in their schoolrooms both morning and afternoon *at least fifteen minutes* before the time fixed for the session to begin; if not they are tardy or absent and will so report with cause of the same on their monthly report to the Superintendent.

SEC. 4. No teacher shall for any cause be absent from school without notifying in advance some member of the School Committee or Superintendent. Whenever possible a substitute will be provided.

SEC. 5. Substitutes shall receive the following compensation per day: In grades one to six inclusive, $1.75. In grades seven to nine and the High School eighty per cent. of the regular teachers pay for a day.

The pay of the substitute shall be deducted from the

salary of the regular teacher unless otherwise provided by special vote of the School Committee.

SEC. 6. No teacher shall be allowed to change the hours of opening and closing school without special permission from some member of the School Committee or the Superintendent.

SEC. 7. Any teacher for sufficient cause may suspend a pupil from school, but shall then immediately report the case to the parent or guardian and to the Superintendent. Except in very unusual cases, suspension shall take effect only at the close of a school session.

SEC. 8. In addition to the regular school register, each teacher shall keep a record of the name, age, date of admission, parent's name and place of residence of the pupil.

SEC. 9. Reports of each pupil's work and of his attendance shall at stated times be sent to the parent or guardian. In addition to these formal reports, parents shall be *often* and *repeatedly* informed of any unsatisfactory work, attendance or conduct of their children.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of each teacher to learn the cause of frequent or prolonged absence of any pupil of her school and to use her influence to prevent its repetition. Teachers will promptly report all cases of probable truancy to the truant officer together with names and residences of all such offenders.

SEC. 11. Whenever pupils for any cause fail to do satisfactory work they may be placed in a lower class; and pupils when properly prepared may be promoted to higher classes, but in either case only after consultation with the Superintendent.

SEC. 12. In all rooms having adjustable furniture, teachers are required, with the assistance of the janitor, to

see that all pupils have their desk and chair properly adjusted to their height and size.

SEC. 13. Each teacher is required to give sufficient attention to regulation of the temperature and to the ventilation of her own room. She will also give proper care to the furniture, books and all other school property. Each night when leaving the building she will see that all windows are closed and outside doors fastened.

SEC. 14. Teachers under the direction of the Superintendent may visit other schools, but not more than one day each term is allowed for this purpose.

Teachers are required to attend such teachers' meetings as the Superintendent may appoint.

SEC. 15. Within one month after the beginning of each term, teachers are expected to furnish the Superintendent with a copy of the daily programme, a copy of the same shall be kept in a conspicuous place in the schoolroom.

SEC. 16. Teachers shall request pupils not to come to the school grounds earlier than fifteen minutes before the time for school to begin. As soon as the doors are open pupils may pass at once to their own schoolroom and take their seat. Playing or running in the schoolroom is forbidden.

SEC. 17. Teachers are usually engaged for a full year, but honorable release may be obtained before the expiration of the year by giving at least four weeks notice.

SEC. 18. Teachers shall not give or allow to be given in any school, notice of any show or public entertainment; they shall not permit their time during school hours to be occupied by any book agent, lecturer, photographer or other persons of similar business; they shall not allow collections of money for any purpose, except, in either of the above

cases, permission is granted in writing by the Superintendent or some member of the School Committee.

SEC. 19. Regular teachers will in no case be absent from the room, or engage in other work during the recitations conducted by the special teachers, but shall preserve order and aid the special teacher when needed.

CHAPTER III—PUPILS.

SEC. 1. No child shall be admitted to any of the public schools without a permit which may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent.

SEC. 2. No child shall be admitted to any of the public schools until the requirements of the State law as to vaccination have been met.

Beginners shall be admitted to the first grade only during the first two weeks of the spring term, and the first two weeks of the fall term.

SEC. 3. Every pupil is required to attend school as constantly as possible and if tardy or absent to furnish the teacher satisfactory evidence that such tardiness or absence was necessary.

SEC. 4. Any pupil guilty of marking, cutting or defacing or otherwise injuring any schoolhouse, outbuilding or school furniture will be required to pay the cost of repairing the same.

SEC. 5. Any pupil misappropriating, injuring or destroying any text book or supplies furnished by the town will be required to make good the loss thus sustained.

SEC. 6. Pupils are forbidden to throw stones, snowballs, or anything which may do harm in the vicinity of the schoolhouse, or to use any profane or improper language.

SEC. 7. Whenever any pupil has been absent from school it shall be the duty of the teacher to give immediate

notice to the parents of such pupils. When a pupil has been absent five successive days the pupil ceases to be a member of the school and can be readmitted only by a written permit signed by the Superintendent, unless in any case of absence it is known by the teacher that such absence was caused by sickness.

SEC. 8. No pupil shall be admitted to membership in one school who has been suspended from, or especially troublesome in another school, except by vote of the School Committee.

SEC. 9. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or whose residence has a common entrance with such a household, shall attend school during such illness or until the teacher has been furnished with a certificate signed by the attending physician or a member of the board of health that there is no longer danger of conveying the disease.

No pupil who has visited any household in which a person is, or within two weeks been sick with smallpox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever shall be allowed to attend school until the expiration of two weeks after such visit.

Schoolbooks which have been handled by pupils either in school or at home at a time when they might become dangerously contagious shall be burned by the janitor.

No pupil who is ill with whooping cough, mumps or chicken-pox shall be allowed to attend school until fully recovered.

CHAPTER IV—DUTIES OF JANITORS.

SEC. 1. The janitor under the immediate direction of the principal shall have charge of the schoolhouse and grounds.

SEC. 2. He shall build fires when needed and in sea-

son see that all rooms are properly heated (68 to 70 degrees,) but not overheated, and that the right temperature is maintained during school hours.

SEC. 3. In buildings provided with a system of ventilation, the cold air boxes must be kept wide open for the admission of outside air during all the time the schools are in session, except in case of very high winds when they may be partly closed.

SEC. 4. He shall sweep and dust all rooms and clean out the chalk trays twice each week. Also sweep the halls and stairways as often as necessary to keep them clean. He shall empty the waste baskets daily.

SEC. 5. He shall wash all windows, floors, doors, stairs, balusters, seats and desks at least twice each year,—in August and in the spring vacation.

SEC. 6. He shall keep the water-closets and urinal in a neat condition, cleaning and washing when necessary.

SEC. 7. He shall screen the ashes, (if they contain coal not fully burned) burn the cinders and put the ashes in a place convenient to be afterwards removed.

SEC. 8. He shall see that the United States flag is displayed on the flag-staff on all school days and other flag days when the weather will permit.

SEC. 9. In winter he shall remove the snow from the schoolhouse steps and keep all necessary paths open.

SEC. 10. Where steam is used for heating, boilers shall be blown out as often as necessary and tubes cleaned out each week. The safety valves shall be tried every day, and all other valves kept properly packed. Ashes shall be drawn from under the boiler each day. In extremely cold weather he must take unusual precautions to prevent injury from freezing. He must carefully watch the heating apparatus and give immediate notice of any needed repairs.

During holidays and vacations only enough fire to protect the apparatus shall be kept up.

SEC. 11. Each night after teachers have left, he shall see that all windows and outside doors are closed and fastened.

SEC. 12. The janitor is expected to give to the yard such attention as necessary to keep it all times neat and free from rubbish.

SEC. 13. He will perform any other reasonable duties relating to the buildings or yard as teachers or superintendent may request.

SEC. 14. The janitor shall promptly notify the Committee of any injury to school property and of any other matter relating to the buildings or grounds which needs attention.

SEC. 15. The Principal is expected to report to the School Committee promptly any neglect or inefficieney on the part of the janitor.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$16,800.00
Expended	16,875.28
Overdrawn	$75.28

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

C. J. Emerson, Principal High School	$1,700.00
M. S. Bingham, Assistant " "	600.00
M. E. Buzzell, " " "	600.00
A. M. Brackett, " " "	600.00
E. F. Clark, 1st Grammar "	171.87
L. E. Stevens, 1st " "	3.13
Jeanette Norris, 1st " "	325.00
H. M. Bryant, " " "	485.00
Eva F. Hard, 2d " "	500.00
E. M. Damon, 2d " "	348.75
A. V. Peyton, 3rd " "	475.00
E. A. Dike, " " "	475.00
M. I. Morse, Centre, Grade VI	425.00
C. E. Green, North, " V, VI.	425.00
F. M. Lahey, East " " "	425.00
M. C. Chauncey, South " " "	380.50
M. C. Strange, " " " "	31.50
E. G. Jones, Center " " "	425.00
M. Malinquist, South " " "	8.00

F. F. Curtis, Center	" III, IV.	$425.00
A. B. Hazelton, North	" " "	399.96
L. S. Brown, East	" " "	44.50
A. Hazelton, "	" " "	336.31
C. B. Smith, "	" " "	21.00
V. F. Linscott, South	" " "	400.00
N. B. Cutter, Centre	" II.....	412.50
A. G. Lynde, North	" ".....	400.00
N. A. Tarbett, East	" ".....	400.00
H. P. Upton, South	" ".....	400.00
M. A. Peffers, Centre	" I.....	400.00
M. F. Livingston, North	" ".....	100.13
E. F. Kelly, North	" ".....	400.00
H. A. Hay, East	" ".....	400.00
Esther Buzzell, South	" ".....	400.00
A. H. Smith, North Street	.....	286.31
S. D. Richardson, Wyoming	.....	400.00
E. F. Cross, Drawing	.....	400.00
W. E. Sweetser, Military Drill	.....	100.00
R. Plummer, Janitor Center and High		490.00
L. E. Sweetser, " North	.....	246.00
G. P. Sprague, " East	.....	161.50
G. C. Barnes, " South	.....	161.50
R. N. Bancroft, " North Street	....	66.50
E. F. Richardson, Janitor Wyoming.		66.50
		$15,721.46

FUEL.

Citizens Gas Light Co., gas	$13.70
C. H. Walker & Co., fuel	990.02
Charles Brown, wood	9.00
O. W. Richardson, wood	107.60

G. W. Osgood, fitting wood.....	$3.00	
H. O. Mansfield, " "	30.50	
		$1,153.82

MUSIC.

Appropriation.....	$400.00
Expended.....	400.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

H. M. Page.....	400.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	$1,000.00
Expended.....	1,000.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

C. E. Stevens.....	1,000.00

SECRETARY AND CARE OF BOOKS.

Appropriation.....	$125.00
Expended.....	125.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Sarah A. Lynde.....	$125.00

TUITION OF CHILDREN.

Appropriation.....	$500.00
Expended.....	452.50
Unexpended.....	$47.50

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Town of Melrose.....	$315.00	
Town of Wakefield.....	137.50	
		$452.50

BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	$2,800.00
Received from sale of books	3.16
	$2,803.16
Expended	2,668.83
Unexpended	$134.33

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Litch & Hayward, Expressing	$24.64
Bean & Baldwin, Stock and labor	84.47
A. B. Yeaton, " " "	148.25
S. G. Sweetser, " " "	152.07
E. F. Saurin, " " "	33.68
Kimpton & Whitemore " "	6.98
W. W. Houghton, " " "	13.14
C. W. Houghton, " " "	55.15
A. J. Kimpton, " " "	25.61
W. E. Daw, " " "	5.77
E. H. Moore, " " "	31.03
Jos. Theobald, " " "	29.05
Smith & Webber, " " "	5.24
F. W. Spencer " " "	33.41
C. A. Libby, " " "	109.16
J. C. C. Small, Truant Officer	4.25
Philedian Orchestra, Music	10.00
W. H. Weed, Supplies	60
E. L. Patch Co., "	11.16
G. F. King & Merrill, "	34.58
L. Prang & Co., "	24.20
G. S. Perry, & Co., "	94.62
O. S. Houghton & Co., "	200.66

Clark Mantg. Co.	Supplies	....	$5.00
L. E. Knott Appr. Co.	"	....	15.05
Thorp & Martin Co.,	"	....	55.88
J. S. Lewis,	"	....	8.25
W. E. Clark,	"	....	24.03
C. H. Worcester Co.	"	....	27.00
Boston Regalia Co.,	"	....	4.00
Chandler Chair and Desk Co.,		....	41.40
W. D. Badger & Co.,	"	....	19.85
S. A. Lynde,	"	....	3.65
C. J. Emerson,	"	....	2.65
Sturtevant & Gilbert	"	....	6.40
R. H. White & Co.,	"	....	.90
F. L. & W. E. Whittier	"	....	26.00
A. A. White & Co.,	"	....	5.10
Wm. Ware & Co.,	"	....	19.15
John Power,	"	....	.25
J. L. Hammett Co.,	"	....	90.84
Continental Clo. Co.,	"	....	4.50
J. Gillotte & Sons,	"	....	23.90
A. Storrs & Bement Co.	"	....	4.70
Bent & Bush	"	....	.90
Wardsworth Howland & Co.,	Supplies		5.80
A Mudge & Son, Diplomas			15.00
E. T. Clark, Lettering Diplomas			7.00
Charles E. Coffin, Shades			9.60
T. F. Burtt, Repairing Clocks			8.50
Wilbur Jackson, Labor			6.50
R. N. Bancroft,	"		14.50
G. W. Cromack, Census			30.00
Shady Hill Nursery Co., Tree			1.50
American Express Co., Expressing			.85
Geo. H. Nichols, Concrete			19.75

Henry Meegan, Labor		$2.00
R. Plummer, "		27.14
R. Plummer, Cleaning		80.75
L. E. Sweetser "		22.25
G. P. Sprague, "		12.88
A. B. Woodward, Labor		3.00
F. E. Richardson, "		6.50
Sewer Dept., Stock and Labor		54.45
Wakefield Water Co., Water		27.19
C. E. Stevens, Postage and Expense		21.90
A. F. De Rosa, Cleaning Vaults		30.00
Wilson Bros., Clocks		9.50
Geo. Watson, Binding		19.82
H. O. Mansfield, Labor		4.63
E. Caldwell, Carpet		17.50
Ginn & Co.,	Books	163.53
Lothrop Pub. Co.,	"	26.40
C. A. Koehler & Co.,	"	4.08
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	"	77.11
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	"	88.44
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn,	"	22.51
American Book Co.,	"	9.48
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	"	.46
E. M. Page,	"	5.91
University Pub. Co.,	"	10.88
D. C. Heath & Co.,	"	21.21
Willard Small,	"	27.07
Allyn & Bacon,	"	105.21
Frost, Adams & Co.,	"	9.22
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	"	13.00
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co.,	"	20.00
F. J. Barnard & Co.,	"	.35
Harper & Bros.,	"	4.46

W. H. Bartlett,	"	10.80	
Werner School Book Co.,	"	14.40	
T. H. Castor,	"	1.92	
The Morse Co.,	"	16.80	
Lee & Shepherd,	"	6.50	
American H. E. Society,	"	2.00	
Educational Pub. Co.,	"	6.59	
Prang Educational Co.,	"	2.03	
W. J. Plummer, Expressing.....		3.00	
W. C. Whitcher, Supplies.....		9.83	
			$2668.83

WATER CLOSET FOR CENTER SCHOOL.

Appropriation.....	$1,300.00
Expended.....	1,297.18
Unexpended.....	$2.82

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

F. W. Spencer, Stock and Labor.....	$1,233.75
E. F. Saurin, " " "	6.13
C. W. Houghton, " " "	17.30
Sewer Dept., " " "	40.00
	$1,297.18

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	$5,000,00

Received from Almshouse	$1,286.75
Received from State, Cities and Towns	499.51
	$6,786.26
Expended	8,085.93
Overdrawn	$1,299.67
Decrease in Valuation	294.74
	$1,594.41
Due from State, Cities and Towns	469.62
Balance against Poor Department	$1,124.79

ALMSHOUSE.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

February 1897.	Stock	$1,006.00
	Hay and Grain	953.55
	Wagons, Farming Tools	1,104.80
	Manure	250.00
	Coal and Wood	533.50
	Provisions	345.91
	Furniture	988.55
	Crockery, Tinware and Miscellaneous	240.10
	Cash in hands of H. H. Lufler	18.26
		$5,440.67
February 1898.	Stock	$915.00
	Hay and Grain	817.90
	Wagons, Farming Tools	1,120.75
	Manure	245.00
	Coal and Wood	594.50

Provisions	$215.12
Crockery, Tinware and Miscellaneous	240.50
Furniture	972.45
Cash in hands of H. H. Lufler	24.71
	$5,145.93
Decrease in Valuation	$294.74

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

H. H. Lufler, Superintendent	$543.34	
H. H. Lufler, Supplies	894.25	
W. C. Whitcher, "	105.58	
C. A. Severance, "	241.74	
G. H. Atkinson, Grain	222.65	
H. S. Brown & Co., Supplies	13.80	
Dudley Fiske, Manure	9.00	
P. Welch, "	21.00	
Mansfield & Cheney, Manure	7.13	
Dustin & Duncklee, Ice	72.00	
Wakefield Water Co., Water	61.00	
W. F. Gordon, Supplies	9.65	
J. B. Small & Co., Supplies	4.00	
H. C. Carbee, fuel	476.97	
S. P. Finnegan, Supplies	114.97	
E. L. Patch Co., "	5.85	
C. G. Thurston	40.00	
H. A. Emerson & Co., Lumber	14.41	
A. A. Upton, Wood	33.50	
M. J. Curley, Grain	8.00	
Mary Ryan, Labor	211.83	
E. Bisbee, "	36.00	
C. W. Riley	21.00	
Leander Dunnell	110.40	
		$3278.07

POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

INSANE.

Ellen Daley	$169.45	
Margaret Murphy	169.46	
Hattie A. Chase	169.47	
W. W. Elliott	169.48	
Sarah Gordon	17.64	
Mary Russell	169.46	
Charles Dotey	146.00	
R. W. Barnstead	146.00	
Alice E. Murphy	169·46	
W. J. Theobald	88.68	
Arba H. Clark	85.42	
John Forrest	85.42	
		$1,585.94

AID TO PERSONS LIVING IN STONEHAM AND BELONGING IN OTHER PLACES.

M. Peterson, State	$3.25	
H. D. Marden "	3.25	
M. Letourneau "	4.00	
E. R. Worcester, Salem	63.25	
Mary Thornton, Peabody	134.00	
Elizabeth Elliott, Malden	110.00	
J. H. McCarty, Melrose	101.95	
Catherine Gartland, Boston	3.57	
M. and H. Fitzgerald, Boston	156.00	
P. Foley Family, Woburn	120.00	
A. F. Mears, Wakefield	10.50	
		$709.77

AID TO PERSONS LIVING IN STONEHAM.

Julius Clement's family	$13.50
John Ward	111.96
M. J. Stevens	14.50
Bessie Shuman	254.00
Daniel J. McCarty	43.75
Wm. McGah	44.75
A. W. Sawin	4.43
A. F. Brown	158.50
Mrs. B. Rooney	42.85
J. J. Burke	2.00
H. Armstrong	10.50
J. Bryant	4.15
C. H. Sweet	42.00
Mrs. J. Polechio	4.77
J. Quinlan's family	100.75
Ann McAuley	102.00
David Hill's family	114.00
John Dannahey	11.25
John Magner's family	8.00
W. J. Theobald's "	121.00
J. E. Armstrong	47.00
Mary Carey	15.00
Board of H. and A. Dunn	219.25
Geo. H. Goodwin	39.90
Mrs. Potter	15.00
Mary Haggerty	114.00
C. S. Read	35.29
Charles Conley	15.25
L. H. Ellis	9.00
Mrs. John Forrest	40.10
J. F. McDermott	17.50
Anna Coyne	2.00

John Hogan's family	$29.22	
John Holmes	15.00	
T. Dempsey	10.85	
J. M. Clements	12.00	
Andrew Hines	4.00	
Mrs. E. B. Houghton	8.64	
M. J. McConnen	85.17	
Wm. Keating	9.50	
Forrest G. Willey's family	29.80	
M. Hanscom	3.25	
John A. Bucknam	10.00	
Esther Eastman	87.21	
D. L. Hall	154.44	
Mrs. M. Day	15.00	
Warren Holden	2.37	
J. C. C. Small care of 413 Tramps	103.25	
A. H. Cowdrey, Town Pysician and Supplies	154.50	
		$2512.15

MILITARY AID.

Appropriation	$200.00	
Received from State	214.00	
		$414.00
Expended	416.00	
Overdrawn		$2.00

STATE AID,

Expended	$3,901.50

This amount is returned by the State.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	$2,500.00
Received from Cities and Towns	373.75
	$2,873.75
Expended	3,397.04
Overdrawn	$523.29

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Appropriation	$4,025.00
Expended	3,491.80
Unexpended	$533.20

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

W. H. Sprague, Selectman	$200.00	
" " perambulating town lines	10.00	
W. H. Sprague, witness Lynde and Fitzgerald cases	30.00	

S. A. Hill, Selectman.....	$150.00
" " perambulating town lines.	10.00
" " witness Lynde and Fitzgerald case.....	60.00
D. T. Strange, Selectman.....	150.00
" " perambulating town lines.....	5.00
D. T. Strange, witness Lynde and Fitzgerald cases.....	55.00
J. A. Jones, Assessor.....	200.00
W. A. Bartlett, "	200.00
John Best, "	200.00
G. N. Green, Overseer of Poor....	100.00
Silas Dean, " "	40.00
J. G. Beede, " "	60.00
A. W. Rice, Collector, 1896.....	200.00
" " " 1897.....	300.00
G. N. Green, Town Clerk.....	600.00
F. E. Nickerson, Town Treasurer....	400.00
W. C. Whitcher, Registrar.....	25.00
W. F. Cowdrey, "	25.00
Otis Bucknam, Constable, 1896.....	40.00
F. H. Chase, Auditor.....	75.00
T. S. Ireland, "	75.00
M. J. Ferren, Moderator.....	25.00
F. E. Kearns, Teller, March '97....	7.00
M. Furbish, "	7.00
W. P. O'Hearn "	7.00
N. P. Bean, "	7.00
F. W. Daley, "	7.00
J. C. Corcoran, "	7.00
C. S. Park, "	7.00
W. H. Gorham, "	7.00

H. L. Buswell,	Teller March '97....	$7.00
R. K. Brown,	"	7.00
G. A. MacFarland,	"	7.00
C. J. Berry,	"	7.00
G. A. Rollins,	"	7.00
S. C. Batchelder,	"	7.00
J. McGrady, Jr.,	"	7.00
C. S. Lynde,	"	7.00
A. E. Best,	"	7.00
C. P. Brawley,	"	7.00
C. S. Jewett,	"	7.00
M. W. Downs,	"	7.00
J. O'Loughlin,	"	7.00
P. J. Bermingham,	"	7.00
S. D. Allen,	"	7.00
M. H. Hughes,	"	7.00
Gustavus Andrews,	"	7.00
W. S. Keene,	"	3.50
W. H. Briggs,	Teller, Aug. 12, '97..	2.70
S. C. Batchelder,	"	2.70
J. W. Kelly,	"	2.70
C. F. Brown,	"	2.70
J. F. Doucette,	"	2.70
Thomas Grady,	Teller Nov. '97....	3.60
R. K. Brown,	"	3.60
C. S. Lynde,	"	3.60
G. A. Rollins,	"	3.60
J. McGrady, Jr.,	"	3.60
G. A. Hinchcliffe,	"	3.60
F. J. Walsh,	"	3.60
S. C. Batchelder,	"	3.60
W. P. O'Hearn,	"	3.60
W. F. Hadley,	"	3.60

D. E. Quinlan,	Teller	Nov. '97....	$3.60	
H. L. Buswell,	"	....	3.60	
F. B. Hamill,	"	....	3.60	
H. H. Richardson,	"	....	3.60	
C. P. Brawley,	"	....	3.60	
A. E. Best,	"	....	3.60	
P. J. Murray,	"	....	3.60	
F. H. Chase,	"	....	3.60	
				$3,491.80

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation.....	$4,000.00
Expended.....	3,994.54
Unexpended	$5.46

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

L. L. Gerry,	Labor.....	$47.30	
John Magner,	"	151.65	
P. Finn,	"	100.73	
Horace Green,	"	81.17	
Pat Rafferty,	"	143.74	
Fergus Riley,	"	70.21	
Thos. Cullen,	"	24.30	
L. N. Nichols,	"	48.03	
M. E. Butts,	"	75.33	
Wm. McLaughlin,	"	30.24	
B. Conefy,	"	30.04	
E. B. Richardson,	"	185.36	
W. H. Sprague	"	387.27	
Coleman Ney,	"	37.91	

John F. Doherty,	Labor	$31.62
B. Murphy,	"	50.27
John McHale,	"	16.92
Pat Kelley,	"	87.17
L. P. Cochran,	"	105 46
J. A. Kelley,	"	53.67
Thos. Briggs,	"	22.75
Walter Cass,	"	35.79
P. Donahue,	"	84.38
P. McLaughlin,	"	56.82
P. Doherty,	"	24.50
L. L. Phinney,	"	60.00
Frank McDonald,	"	44.14
Geo. C. Curry,	"	101.71
Jas. Cody,	"	21.00
M. Cody,	"	30.42
Jas. Conway,	"	37.04
Jas. O'Laughlin,	"	31.75
Pat Fedigan,	"	81.57
M. McKenna,	"	62.61
C. E. Reilly,	"	31.98
M. Powers,	"	30.44
J. O'Brien,	"	27.60
H. L. Pineo,	"	64.11
J. G. Green,	"	73.83
J. McGrady, Jr.,	"	107.50
Chas. Brown,	"	125.75
Frank Reynolds,	"	7.21
P. Kenny,	"	14.99
N. A. Newhall,	"	13.83
Jas. Fallon,	"	20.31
Jas. McCarty,	"	33.94
E. Doherty,	"	17.50

Dexter Parker,	Labor..... .	$3.50
Belmont Young,	"	17.50
Jas. Forrest,	"	84.25
J. J. McHale,	"	45.00
J. Blaney,	"	26.50
John Sullivan,	"	22.90
Walter George,	"	20.10
John Dannahey,	"	15.46
Geo. Thayer,	"	.50
Jas. Quinn,	"	.50
Phil Doherty,	"	36.36
Chas. Taylor,	"	49.78
M. Hardy,	"	21.72
John Doherty,	"	26.38
Jas. Myers,	"	10.75
Carl Pratt,	"	.50
Henry Meegan,	"	33.67
M. Kerrigan,	"	10.59
H. J. Short,	"	3.50
Chas. Anderson,	"	1.75
Jas. Hannon,	"	8.45
M. McLaughlin,	"	.50
C.M.Boyce&Son,	"	6.00
Charles Sweet,	"	11.99
J. McGovern,	"	7.39
J. Brady,	"	7.39
Owen Hoey,	"	12.66
P. McPartland,	"	13.20
G. F. Pratt,	"	3.40
G. H. Spooner,	"	1.80
H. T. Mellett.	"	6.20
J. Dever,	"	8.60
M. Noonan,	"	6.20

T. McPartland,	Labor.....	$7.00
R. McDermott,	"	1.60
T. B. Young,	"	9.40
C. K. Freeman,	"	4.50
H. Dale,	"	5.20
M. Cannon,	"	3.20
J. Maloney,	"	3.40
P. G. Heu,	"	1.20
Wm. Magner,	"	5.00
M. Scanlon,	"	4.40
J. S. Deacon,	"	.80
A. O'Melia,	"	4.40
E. O'Donnell,	"	6.40
W. Packard,	"	5.00
R. Hunter,	"	4.60
F. Smith,	"	4.40
T. Noonan,	"	4.40
H. Mosely,	"	.80
J. Gillespie,	"	4.40
P. Flynn,	"	1.60
W. Tuttle,	"	1.50
J. Lannon,	"	7.20
A. Annis,	"	5.00
J. Haley,	"	7.00
T. Flynn,	"	1.40
T. Dolan,	"	1.40
C. Harold,	"	1.40
Wm. Keating,	"	5.10
M. Flynn,	"	6.40
D. Stewart,	"	4.40
C. B. Wilson,	"	8.00
E. R. Frost,	"	7.20
W. Frost,	"	7.00

Orin Young,	Labor.....	$8.20
C. McHale,	"	5.40
D. Conway,	"	4.80
G. Burrill,	"	3.60
M. Meegan,	"	6.40
B. Conners,	"	7.20
M. Doherty,	"	6.40
M. McPartland,	"	.80
Emil Svenson,	"	3.60
Litch & Hayward,	Expressing.....	1.10
S. G. Sweetser,	Stock and Labor....	1.44
C. B. Melvin,	Gravel.....	8.88
Levi Green,	"	13.20
L. D. Hawkins,	"	70.40
J. S. Morrill,	"	9.95
Geo. White,	"	2.25
S. P. Finnegan, oil		.35
A. W. Arnold, " on 1896.....		2.50
C. J. Abbott, setting glass.....		.35
C. H. Walker & Co., pipe.....		2.70
H. E. Hersam,	Stock and Labor...	.40
R. Ervin,	" " " ...	38.32
T. R. McNelly,	" " " ...	.90
B. R. Rosson,	" " " ...	24.25
C. W. Houghton	" " " ...	1.60
W. A. Manzur & Son	" " ...	12.25
C. Murphy, washing hose.....		.75
Geo. O. Bucknam, painting sign....		12.00
Union Road Machinery Co., Repairing plows.....		53.00
		$3,994.54

PARK HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	$5,000.00
Expended	4,997.07
Unexpended	$2.93

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

W. H. Sprague, Labor	$236.25
John Magner, "	58.33
M. Powers, "	98.77
P. Rafferty, "	106.84
Jas. Conway, "	94.49
A. W. Richardson, "	96.25
L. N. Nichols, "	38.79
C. W. Wilson, "	104.12
F. McDonald, "	94.11
Phil Doherty, "	106.84
Geo. Mugford, "	15.75
P. Kelly, "	76.61
Francis Reynolds, "	67.86
Walter Cass, "	98.87
M. McKenna, "	79.72
H. King, "	91.39
P. Doherty, "	98.77
M. Cody, "	91.09
P. Donahue, "	91.67
H. L. Pineo, "	104.12
E. B. Richardson, "	274.51
C. H. Taylor, "	276.75
G. C. Curry, "	259.25
J. McGrady, Jr., "	181.50
A. W. Merrow, "	104.00

Jas. Forrest,	Labor.....	$273.75
Lewis Willett,	"	47.93
Coleman Ney,	"	65.82
Jas. Hannon,	"	65.33
Jas. McCarty,	"	85.74
Thos. Hume,	"	26.25
B. Murphy,	"	65.62
C. H. Ames,	"	59.26
W. McLaughlin,	"	1.75
J. Dannahey,	"	47.83
L. L. Phinney,	"	151.74
J. A. Kelly,	"	67.95
P. McGovern,	"	35.29
P. Wilkins,	"	69.80
T. Cullen,	"	31.79
H. Green,	"	60.50
J. Dever,	"	33.54
J. McHale,	"	86.75
Chas. Reilly,	"	34.61
P. J. McHale,	"	24.79
P. Finn,	"	38.89
W. C. Dustin,	"	115.50
C. M. Boyce & Son	"	81.00
J. Brady,	"	1.75
P. Fedigan,	"	53.47
J. McGovern,	"	15.36
W. H. George,	"	25.55
J. G. Green,	"	26.33
P. McLaughlin,	"	24.66
John McCarty,	"	21.66
Geo. Davis,	"	10.11
B. Conefy,	"	1.75
C. H. Sweet,	"	1.75

P. Kenney, Labor	$1.75	
P. McPartland, "	15.75	
M. Flynn, "	13.80	
H. Meegan, "	33.00	
E. Goodness, "	1.00	
J. O'Donnell, "	21.48	
Thos. McPartland, "	32.33	
P. Higgins, "	8.36	
Repano Chemical Co., supplies	63.59	
Tredick Bros., supplies	1.85	
T. J. Shea, labor	14.22	
W. E. Clark, supplies	20.29	
E. H. Moore, Labor	5.98	
H. E. Hersam, "	.60	
W. A. Manzur & Son "	61.85	
Litch & Hayward, expressing	.85	
		$4997.07

CONCRETE.

Appropriation	$200.00
Expended	164.97
Unexpended	$35.03

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

E. B. Richardson, Labor	$42.09
G. H. Nichols, "	15.00
H. L. Pineo, "	11.08
G. C. Curry, "	3.50
John Best, Tar and Labor	36.05

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., Tar.	$24.00	
Jas. Hannon, Labor.....	8.94	
Peter Dolan, "	6.81	
W. H. Sprague, "	17.50	
		$164.97

HIGHWAY CONTINGENT.

Appropriation.....	$750.00
Expended	746.05
Unexpended.....	$3.95

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Union Snow Plow Co., Labor.....		$15.50
Chas. Brown,	Labor..... ..	22.90
Jas. Keating,	"	1.80
L. VanBuskirk,	"	6.80
W. J. Plummer,	"	5.20
J. O'Brien,	"	.60
W. Cass,	"	20.54
G. C. Curry,	"	16.20
L. Maxwell,	"	2.85
N. Newhall,	"	.60
L P. Cochran,	"	33.40
John McHale,	"	2.80
J. A. Kelly,	"	6.80
M. Noonan,	"	9.40
W. Moody,	"	3.00
C. H. Taylor,	"	36.40
B. Conefy,	"	8.15
M. Hannon,	"	14.40

B. Lawless,	Labor.....	$5.20
P. Rafferty,	"	6.00
L. L. Gerry,	"	66.66
J. F. Doherty,	"	1.80
E. Doherty,	"	1.80
W. McLaughlin,	"	1.00
H. Meegan,	"	51.80
A. F. DeRosa,	"	3.60
Levi Hill,	"	33.70
L. L. Phinney,	"	26.00
E. B. Richardson,	"	39.77
H. L. Pineo,	"	12.46
W. Jackson,	"	33.88
Thos. Young,	"	11.45
W. H. Sprague,	"	10.50
J. F. Vanbuskirk,	"	20.69
J. J. McHale,	"	27.30
C.M.Boyce&Son	"	5.50
W. H. George,	"	10.00
J. McGrady, Jr.,	"	22.00
J. McGrady,	"	1.00
Jas. Forrest,	"	54.40
C. Cloutman,	"	5.20
H. J. Crosby,	"	7.40
B. W. Howard,	"	6.60
H. W. Brown,	"	3.80
H. F. Brown,	"	2.80
G. L. Moulton,	"	.50
H. Williamson,	"	1.00
Litch & Hayward,	"	31.50
N. A. Newhall,	"	5.60
E. Newhall,	"	1.00
W. Holden,	"	.60

E. P. Holden, Labor	$1.20	
M. A. Sprague, Sand	25.00	
		$746.05

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$4,000.00
Expended	3,989.00
Unexpended	$11.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

E. R. Seaver, engineer	$44.43
" " fire warden	4.18
" " moving gong	15.25
" " labor on fire alarm	48.00
" " dripping hydrants	2.50
" " cleaning harness	2.00
J. A. LaClair, engineer	30.00
" " fire warden	5.00
" " supplies and labor on fire alarm	50.75
A. J. Smith, engineer	30.00
" " fire warden	5.00
" " labor on fire alarm	42.50
C. H. Drew, engineer	30.00
" " fire warden	10.00
S. C. Trull, engineer Col. Gould	26.25
T. Carpenter, services	8.00
J. P. Conefy, "	10.00
Col. Gould, pay roll	501.99
Gen. Worth " "	422.05

E. R. Seaver " "	$352.09
Hook and Ladder "	672.94
Frank Murphy, steward Hose 1.....	102.50
" " hoseman.....	8.75
G. E. Sturtevant, engineer.....	75.00
" " fire warden.....	5.00
" " dripping hydrants..	4.00
" " team.....	3.00
" " expressing.....	3.25
L. F. Bruce, engineer.....	45.00
" " fire warden.	5.00
" " labor on fire alarm.....	22.00
W. E. Manzur, engineer.....	45.00
" " fire warden.....	5.00
" " labor on fire alarm....	21.00
" " dripping hydrants....	4.00
" " supplies.....	.45
Litch & Hayward, expressing.....	18.75
" " hauling hose.....	50.00
Mrs. W. M. Palmer, teaming.....	49.00
Bean & Baldwin, stock and labor....	6.45
J. W. McInnes. " " "	8.45
Joseph Theobald, " " "	10.00
Smith & Webber, " " "	3.40
E. F. Saurin, " " "	5.00
S. G. Sweeteer, " " "	49.09
H. S. Drew, " " "	4.43
R. D. Wall, " " "	10.25
A. B. Yeaton, " " "	70.07
W. A. Manzur & Son " "	3.25
F. W. Spencer, " "	47.05
A. S. Jackson, supplies	17.93
W. C. Whitcher, "	9.24

A. W. Arnold, supplies	$18.85
C. A. Claflin, "	6.00
M. Hemenway, "	3.20
W. E. Clark, "	8.31
McKenna Bros., "	12.74
C. H. Walker & Co., fuel	85.85
J. S. Lewis, printing	2.10
Paine Furniture Co., chairs	7.50
Beatty Zinc Co., zinc	30.75
N. Y. & B. Dyewood Co., vitriol	37.09
N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies	13.10
F. L. & W. E. Whittier, printing	11.25
E. B. White, expressing	.50
C. W. Houghton, labor	.25
Gas, Col. Gould	14.37
" E. R. Seaver	12.08
" H. & L. and Gen. Worth	64.38
Piping	6.50
W. F. Thompson, care reservoir	3.00
J. McKernan, steward Hose 3	20.00
J. L. White, " H. & L.	20.00
J. W. Gay, " Hose 2	20.00
M. Forgete, " " 1	63.00
M. Forgette, labor	12.00
Walter George, steward	20.00
" " labor	5.00
J. W. Cutts, steward H. & L.	20.00
L. W. Dempsey, " Hose 2	20.00
W. E. Daw, services	7.50
Fred Burtt, labor and expense	1.75
Owen Hoey, cleaning vaults	2.00
A. De Rosa, cleaning hose	2.00
J. Woodward, wagon jack	4.75

O. C. Hanson, carriage	1.25	
Stillman Crouch, engineer Col. Gould	52.50	
Fred Lord, labor on fire alarm	2.00	
John McGrady Jr., hauling hose	42.00	
James Forrest, " steamer	216.00	
W. J. Plummer, " hose	25.00	
John Fedigan, cleaning harness	5.25	
S. C. Spencer, badges	5.65	
C. M. Boyce & Son, teams	37.50	
H. C. Carbee, fuel	21.79	
		$3989.00

POLICE.

Appropriation	$2,300.00
Court receipts	181.00
	$2,481.00
Expended	2,470.46
Unexpended	$10.54

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

J. C. C. Small	$688.00
J. J. Scally	688.00
E. G. Martin	591.25
Sumner H. Green	139.42
B. C. Brown	46.00
L. S. Harding	124.75
L. L. Gerry	7.50
Walter Patchett	15.50

J. L. Swain	$11.00	
C. D. Fall	6.00	
O. O. Frederick	6.00	
B. P. Keene	5.50	
W. S. Maker	6.00	
Charles Brown	7.50	
W. Whowell	6.00	
John Fulton	4.00	
Gus. Andrews	8.00	
H. Peterson	4.00	
J. J. McHale	4.00	
C. B. Caldwell	4.00	
J. Lahey	4.00	
J. E. Wiley	4.00	
G. W. Hook	3.50	
C. M. Young	3.75	
L. E. Sweetser	4.00	
R. K. Brown	4.00	
W. L. Peavey	3.00	
E. Goodness	4.00	
W. A. Hill	2.50	
John McHale	6.00	
J. C. C. Small, expenses	14.74	
City of Woburn, police	32.00	
Citizens Gas Light Co	1.00	
C. M. Boyce, teams	10.00	
Tredick Bros., supplies	1.55	
		$2,470.46

DECORATION AND REPAIRS OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation	$250.00
Expended	242.04
Unexpended	$7.96

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Hyde & Co., Flags	$4.21	
W. H. Peabody, Dec. Monument	3.50	
E. B. White, Express	2.00	
Winfred Dike, Plants	19.25	
N. Parker, "	19.25	
J. Walsh, "	17.50	
F.L.&W.E. Whittier, Printing Flags.	6.50	
L. Maxwell, Labor	11.75	
H. N. Wilson, Wreaths	25.00	
W. Jackson, Teaming	1.50	
Elite Orchestra, Music	65.00	
Silver, Burdett & Co., Supplies	1.25	
Masten, Wells & Co., Flags	4.02	
C. M. Boyce & Son, Carriages	12.00	
J. Forrest, Barge	10.00	
T.L.Flanagan, Rep. Soldiers' Graves.	10.50	
H. A. McKeene, Labor	3.45	
Geo. Nead, Oration	20.00	
J. B. Swan, Wagon	2.00	
C. H. Carter, Supplies	.61	
W. H. Jones, Use of Horse	2.00	
D. A. Abbott, Supplies	.75	
		$242.04

LINDENWOOD CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

W. Blaisdell	$8.00	
C. S. Pinkham	13.25	
S. Bucknam	3.00	
Jesse Curtis	3.00	
O. Richardson	3.00	
D. Stevens	2.00	
Bancroft & Chater	3.00	
Skinner & Milliken	3.00	
C. E. Wright	2.00	
H. P. Wiley	3.00	
G. W. Dike	8.00	
W. Danforth	2.50	
W. Babb	2.00	
S. S. Weed	2.50	
T. G. Durkee	5.00	
D. T. Clay	2.50	
J. Fay	5.00	
Bowman & Parker	2.50	
J. D. Pierce	2.50	
Dike & Lyon	9.00	
O. Hersam	4.00	
E. D. Hawkins	2.00	
G. H. Putney	3.00	
		$93.75

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	$650.00
Received from dog tax	585.75
" " interest on note	6.00
	$1,241.75
Expended	1,216.03
Unexpended	$25.72

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Mrs. M. H. Boyce, librarian	$250.00	
" M. McCarty, janitor	13.00	
" M. P. Rowell "	13.00	
Chase Bros., rent	425.00	
Peoples Gas & Electric Co	19.57	
Citizens Gas Light Co	8.03	
F. J. Barnard & Co , binding	64.18	
Leavens & Co., supplies	2.00	
Boston Book Binding Co., supplies	5.50	
Geo. O. Bucknam, sign	.75	
H. A. Smith, insurance	27.00	
O. Gilmore, "	27.00	
F. L. & W. E. Whittier, printing	34.00	
Daniel Gunn & Co., supplements	19.80	
D. Appleton & Co., books	8.00	
A. W. Rice, "	28.60	
Mary Willey, "	2.00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.	268.60	
		$1,216.03

ARMORY AND RANGE,

Received from State	$400.00
" " Rent	195.97
	$595.97
Expended	863.25
Overdrawn	$267.28

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

L. E. Sweetser, janitor and supplies	$458.20	
Bean & Baldwin, supplies	12.45	
Peoples Gas & Electric Co	73.68	
Citizens Gas Light Co	65.76	
H. S. Drew, labor	2.09	
W. Jackson, "	4.00	
J. O'Brien, "	1.75	
Litch & Hayward, express	6.00	
W. E. Clark, supplies	2.12	
Copeland & Bowser	8.11	
W. C. Whitcher	1.50	
E. Outram, rent of range	25.00	
S. G. Sweetser, stock and labor	38.47	
E. Hodge & Co., " " "	7.60	
C. W. Houghton, " " "	5.58	
J. B. Swan, " " "	.57	
Stillman Crouch, " " "	4.50	
C. H. Walker & Co., fuel	93.97	
Chas. Brown, wood	10.00	
J. S. Cheever, paper	5.52	
H. C. Carbee, fuel	4.88	
W. T. Kendall, labor at target	31.50	
		$863.25

LINDENWOOD CEMETERY.

Appropriation	$400.00
Received from sale of lots, wood and grass	336.70
	$736.70
Expended	714.97
Unexpended	$21.73

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

E. Goodness, labor	$621.21
J. L. Patchett, "	3.65
Geo. Tyler & Co., pump	6.50
W. E. Clark, supplies	20.23
C. H. Walker & Co., cement and pipe	15.57
S. W. Chamberlin, rep. lawn mower.	2.25
Winfred Dike, plants	25.00
J. Beaulieu, mason work	12.30
Mrs. W. M. Palmer, teaming	4.50
Sewer Dept., supplies	1.36
W. J. Plummer, sand	2.40
	$714.97

WILLIAM STREET CEMETERY.

Appropriation	$75.00
Expended	65.93
Unexpended	$9.07

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

C. C. Dike, labor and supplies.....	$31.05	
Matthew Hannon, labor.....	18.75	
C. Ney.....	16.13	
		$65.93

MISCELLANEOUS AND INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation.....	$4,500.00
Expended.....	4,498.06
Unexpended...	$1.94

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

J. S. Lewis, Printing.....	$72.00
Citizens Gas Light Co., Gas.....	20.53
A. B. Yeaton, Inspector Plumbing...	225.00
T. E. Dwyer, " " ...	15.00
G. S. Tukey, " " ...	102.00
John Doherty, Damage to Horse....	100.00
G. H. Allen, Inspector of Cattle	255.40
W. W. Houghton, Stock and Labor.	27.60
Bean & Baldwin, " " .	17.95
J. B. Swan, " " .	13.05
E. H. Moore, " " .	32.53
H. E. Hersam, " " .	1.20
J. L Patchett, " " .	4.70
T. R. McNelly, " " .	9.61
S. G. Sweetser, Labor.....	4.38
Mrs. W. M. Palmer, Board of Horse.	10.00
Onslow Gilmore, Insurance.....	341.90

G. N. Green, Insurance and Supplies	$74.03
J. A. Jones, " "	110.50
J. A. Jones, Labor on Street Book..	60.00
W.A.Bartlett, " " " " ..	60.00
John Best, " " " " ..	60.00
Union S. P. & W. Co., Snow Plow..	65.00
Est. Daniel Hill, Rent Town Offices..	337.50
" " " " Assessors room	60.00
J. W. Cawley, Stenographer.....	5.50
N. E. T. & T. Co., Tolls,.....	86.18
H. L. Emerson, Photographs	.50
Downs Bros., Collation March '97...	61.95
G. L. Child, " Nov. '97 ...	31.20
Thos. Groome & Co., Stationery....	15.05
F. L. & W. E. Whittier, Printing...	396.89
W. C. Whitcher, Expenses.....	2.79
L. L. Gerry, Surveys and Plans	20.00
C. F. Blodgett, Supplies.....	22.70
C. A. Carby, Witness Fees.....	1.50
Evans Anderson, " "	3.00
T. F. Emery, " "	3.00
J. A. Jones, " "	3.00
F. W. Spencer, " "	1.50
Wm. Whowell, " "	1.50
J. G. Bryant, " "	3.00
J. A. Stockwell, Town Counsel.....	250.00
F. L. Evans, " "	100.00
J. A. Stockwell, Legal Services.....	15.00
" " Witness Fees.....	47.20
W. A. Bartlett, Services at Cambridge	43.90
John Best, " "	44.50
J. A. Jones, " "	20.00
H. H. Dane, Janitor Town Offices...	48.00

A. V. Lynde, Damages	$610.71
T. W. Ripley, Printing	10.00
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., Supplies.	1.60
C. A. Bailey, Agent, Tax and Costs on B. F. Briggs Estate	41.21
Geo. Reed, Books	2.25
J. L. Fairbanks, Books	6.50
C. E. Coffin, Shades	3.80
W. E. Clark, Supplies	22.82
Nathan Jenkins, Repairing Pumps	23.50
M. F. Eastman, Sheriff	9.96
C. M. Boyce & Son, Teams	58.00
E. Caldwell, Chairs	7.50
M. Cody, Labor	.75
James Keating, Labor	5.75
W. A. Hill, Special Police	5.00
Copeland & Bowser, Supplies	2.84
W. A. Bartlett, Table	7.00
M. I. Ford, Copying	5.00
Middlesex County, Copying	4.50
E. Hodge & Co., Repairing Stone Crusher Boiler	100.00
W. J. Plummer, Teaming	6.50
W. B. Jones, Surveying	98.30
Fiske, Holmes & Co., Pipe	24.76
M. R. Warren & Co., Supplies	12.00
Litch & Hayward, Expressing	4.90
G. W. Harrington, Services	25.00
B. & M. R. R., Freight	.48
G. W. Cromack, Expenses	1.50
A. J. Kimpton, Stock and Labor	17.44
Smith & Webber, " "	2.25
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, Ink.	1.72

F. E. Nickerson, Supplies and Exp..	15.30	
S. P. Finnegan. "	.15	
Repanno Chemical Co., Supplies....	21.33	
Louis Surrette, Damages.....	30.00	
		$4,498.06

WATER COMMITTEE.

Appropriation.....	$1,000.00
Expended.....	912.28
Unexpended.....	$87.72

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

W. B. Wright, reporting hearings...	$10.00
Hurlburt & McCarthy, legal services.	351.08
J. A. Stockwell, legal services.....	150.00
W. O. Chamberlin, services.....	53.00
W. H. Marden, "	65.50
Lyman Dike, "	58.00
W. H. Turner, "	50.00
D. T. Strange, "	58.00
W. H. Sprague, "	60.60
F. B. Jenkins, "	56.10
	$912.28

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation.....	$200.00
Expended.....	162.25
Unexpended.....	$37.75

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

F. L. & W. E. Whittier, printing....	$5.00	
J. C. C. Small, notices.....	7.25	
Lyman Dike, services.....	50.00	
L. L. Gerry, "	50.00	
A. B. Jenney, "	50.00	
		$162.25

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS.

Appropriation.....	$425.00
Expended.....	425.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

F. L. & W. E. Whittier.. ..... $425.00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....	$3,000.00
Expended.....	2,776.63
Unexpended.....	$223.37

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Woburn Electric Light Co..... $2,776.63

HYDRANTS.

Appropriation.....	$2,645.00
Expended.....	2,640.00
Unexpended....	5.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Wakefield Water Co..... $2,640.00

WATER FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Appropriation taxes for 1896-'97.....	$319.20
Expended, water rates for public buildings for 1896 97.....	319.20

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Wakefield Water Co.....	$319.20

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State tax on City of Woburn.....	$34.46	
County tax on " " "	46.63	
" "	3,836.48	
State "	10,911.04	
		$14,828.61

TAX SALE.

H. M. Chamberlin, amount returned on sale of B. F. Briggs' property.	$62.85

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

Special appropriation for reimbursement of amount overpaid on State and County Tax.....	$302.22

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTE.

Appropriation	$7,440.00
	169.98
	$7,609.88
Expended	6,905.34
Unexpended	$704.54

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

National Bank of the Republic	$4,380.00	
Stoneham National Bank	100.00	
" Five Cent Savings Bank	1,625.00	
" Public Library	6.00	
Curtis & Motley	67.21	
B. Goodwin	163.62	
Rogers, Newman & Tolman	355.47	
Chas. Weil & Co	208.04	
		$6,905.34

TOWN NOTES.

Outstanding on 1896 taxes	$15,000.00	
Sewer bonds due June 1, 1997	4,000.00	
Term note due July 18, " armory.	1,000.00	
" " " Jan. 9, 1898 town debt	5,000.00	
Given in anticipation of taxes 1897	62,200.00	
		$87,200.00

Paid notes in anticipation taxes 1896.	$15,000.00	
Sewer bonds due June 1, 1895	4,000.00	
Paid notes due July 18, " armory	1,000.00	
" " " Jan. 9, 1898 town debt	5,000.00	
" " " anticipation taxes 1897	35,000.00	
		$60,000.00
		$27,200.00
Balance outstanding in anticipation 1897 taxes		$27,200.00

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Expended	10,000.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Stoneham National Bank	$1,000.00	
" Five Cent Savings Bank	5,000.00	
National Bank of Republic	4,000.00	
		$10,000.00

F. W. SPENCER, COLLECTOR 1890.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1897	$1,425.19
Uncollected Feb. 15, 1898	1,425.19

ELM STREET SIDEWALK.

To balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1897	$7.00
Uncollected Feb. 15, 1898	7.00

A. W. RICE, COLLECTOR 1891.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT.

(Abuttors to pay one per cent.)

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1897.....	$99.92
Uncollected " " 1898.....	99.92

A. W. RICE, COLLECTOR 1894.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1897.....	$1,601.08
To interest collected to " 15, 1898.....	53.79
	$1,654.87

Cr.

By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, Treasurer, to Feb. 15, 1898.....	$576.35
By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, Interest to Feb. 15, 1898.....	53.79
Abatements Feb. 15, 1898.....	882.79
Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1898.....	141.94
	$1,654.87

A. W. RICE, COLLECTOR 1895.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1897.....	$5,777.30
To interest collected " " 1898.....	464.90

CR.

By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, Treasurer to Feb. 15, 1898.....	$4,476.28
By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, interest to Feb. 15, 1898.....	464.90
Abatements Feb. 15, 1898.....	55.36
Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1898.....	1,245.66
	$6,242.20

A. W. RICE COLLECTOR, 1896.

To balance uncollected Feb. 1, 1897.....	$32,445.20
To interest collected to " 15, 1898.....	750.13
	$33,195.33

CR.

By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, Treasurer to Feb. 15, 1898.....	$19,280.92
By Cash paid F. E. Nickerson, interest to Feb. 15, 1898.....	750.13 426.15
Abatements Feb. 15. 1898.....	426.15
Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1898.....	12738.13
	$33,195.33

A. W. RICE, COLLECTOR 1897.

DR.

To assessments. tax 1897	$89,778.02
To interest collected to Feb. 1, 1898	40.39
	$89,818.41

CR.

By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, Treasurer to Feb. 1, 1898	$56,605.26
By cash paid F. E. Nickerson, interest to Feb. 1, 1898	40.39
Discounts allowed Feb. 1, 1898	504.26
Abatements Feb. 1, 1898	991.17
Balance uncollected Feb. 1, 1898	31,677.33
	$89,818.41

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Best,	Labor	$260.00
W. A. Hill,	"	554.36
Geo. A. Rollins	"	530.45
Con Murphy,	"	406.20
Thos. Fedigan,	"	70.17
Jas. Keating,	"	346.08
Thos. McHale,	"	267.38
Jas. J. McHale,	"	101.31
M. O'Laughlin,	"	249.68

M. Foley,	Labor.....	$196.36
John McHale,	"	339.73
B. O'Donnell,	"	25.30
P. McPartland,	"	351.78
P. McMahon,	"	68.48
Mrs. W. M. Palmer	"	44.75
M. McCormick,	"	67.30
M. Scanlon,	"	192.32
M. Doherty,	"	234.11
Phil Doherty,	"	49.98
Chas. Sweet,	"	.75
B. Conefy,	"	13.22
B. Lawless,	"	79.53
A. W. Merrow,	"	12.77
Thos. Cullen,	"	159.28
J. H. Quinn,	"	56.20
M. Hardy,	"	187.08
Jas. Hannon,	"	53.87
Thos. Donelly,	"	49.59
Jas. Myers,	"	183.95
John F. Doherty,	"	163.94
G. E. Sturtevant,	"	42.01
D. J. Dannahey,	"	2.34
John Murphy,	"	24.00
John Wall,	"	.97
Jas. B. McDonnell	"	100.35
H. W. Donavan,	"	38.31
Louis Davinson,	"	601.50
John Doherty,	"	90.34
John J. Reynolds,	"	38.89
E. Bourgeau,	"	45.80
J. O'Toole,	"	37.53
Garrett Cody.	"	34.03

Dennis Hurley,	Labor.....	$191.92
V. McConnon,	"	16.00
Owen Hoey,	"	45.90
W. J. Plummer,	"	6.50
Litch & Haywood,	"	12.40
John Donavan,	"	150.49
Chas. Johnson.	"	8.75
P. Galerani,	"	138.04
J. Genleyraro,	"	145.82
A. Annis,	"	127.56
Geo. Hackiug,	"	46.55
T. Lynch,	"	260.95
W. Keating,	"	172.09
Henry Short,	"	100.33
P. Gagin,	"	113.94
E. Devlin,	"	217.18
P. McHale,	"	171.88
Thos. McHale,	"	29.36
Thos. Hume,	"	4.48
Jas. Gillispie,	"	151.10
Thos. Donnelly,	"	127.19
Chas. Boyce,	"	1.50
Levi Hill,	"	211.33
M. Blake,	"	254.93
Geo. Johnson,	"	44.34
John Lannon,	"	116.28
B. Connors,	"	171.70
Henry Crosby,	"	130.48
Jas. O'Donnell,	"	104.62
Frank Smith,	"	74.47
John Sullivan,	"	108.32
P. Corcoran,	"	2.53
Jas. Fallon,	"	3.89

M. Purcell,	Labor.....	$107.71
C. McHale,	"	125.00
Jas. Forrest,	"	9.80
C. Grant,	"	17.31
Jas. McCarty,	"	1.94
P. Devlin,	"	162.73
Belmont Young,	"	90.81
Jas. Keating,	"	66.32
M. O'Toole,	"	89.25
E. Roach,	"	98.59
D. Conway,	"	11.87
Thos. Donahue,	"	57.56
Geo. Mugford,	"	6.03
A. O'Melia,	"	88.09
T. Powers,	"	104.81
Jas. Devlin,	"	139.23
Carlo Pedia,	"	60.50
Jas. McEnery,	"	48.00
O. McGonigle.	"	17.50
M. Zuttud,	"	176.41
J. Lally,	"	10.50
Jas. Haley,	"	48.31
John Feeney,	"	49.20
E. Doherty,	"	26.45
P. J. McHale,	"	14.00
W. Magner,	"	11.67
		$11,474.76

MATERIALS AND INCIDENTALS.

Litch & Haywood, expressing.....	$12.25
B. R. Felton, engineer.....	2,091.50
H. H. Dane, janitor.....	48.00
W. W. Houghton, stock and labor...	7.92

Estate Daniel Hill, rent	$110.00
Dustin & Duncklee, ice	17.50
E. H. Moore, brick	29.45
C. H. Walker & Co., cement	163.38
W. G. Nash, cement	392.00
Walworth Manfg. Co., pipe, supplies	155.35
Portland Stone Ware Co., pipe	131.18
G. H. Sampson, supplies	173.34
H. T. Simpson, brick	236.50
Peter Gray, pans	240.00
G. H. Cavanaugh, driving piles	589.62
Wakefield Water Co., meters and connections	541.60
John McAuley, laber on manholes	256.32
Ames Plow Co., tools	147.95
F. L. & W. E. Whittier	16.17
J. S. Lewis	1.00
G. A. Boutwell, damage to team	50.00
W. A. Manzur & Son stock and labor	94.63
B. & M. R. R., freight	94.04
G. H. Nichols, concreting	17.10
C. H. Walker & Co., rent of yard	100.00
Henry Parsons, manhole covers	141.93
H. A. Emerson & Co., lumber	411.16
O. Gilmore, insurance	157.50
A. R. Gay, stationery	7.45
M. R. Warren, "	6.96
Geo. H. Nichols, gravel	49.60
Town of Melrose, meter	13.48
Hersey Manfg Co., meter connections	15.00
Jenkins Bros., valves	.56
D. H. Smith, canvas	10.00
H. C. Carbee, fuel	4.00

L. P. Benton,	supplies.....	$4.00
Perrin, Siemens & Co.	"	136.20
J. H. Best,	"	6.70
E. G. Saltman,	"	.60
W. C. Whitcher,	"	26.81
A. L. Crosby,	"	8.10
J. T. Fox,	"	.30
Boston Rod Coupling Co	"	9.60
Jaquith & Co.,	"	9.53
M. C. Warren & Co.,	"	5.30
Backer & Cohen,	"	4.50
Geo. Rollins,	"	5.25
W. E. Clark,	"	41.40
Tredick Bros.,	"	1.70
Jos. Theobald,	"	35.95
S. P. Finnegan,	"	1.62
Citizens Gas Co.,	"	2.10
Richard Ervin,	stock and labor.....	31.44
F. A. Bruce,	stock and labor...	9.19
J. L. Patchett,	" " " ...	2.20
Bean & Baldwin,	" " " ...	22.23
Smith & Webber.	" " " ...	2.47
H. E. Hersam,	" " " ...	192.35
F. W. Spencer,	" " " ...	3.13
T. J. Shea,	" " " ...	15.76
F. W. Lawry,	" " " ...	2.00
C. W. Houghton,	" " " ...	3.71
O. W. Richardson,	wood.....	7.50
Jos. Butler,	teaming.....	3.00
W. M. Palmer,	"	1.00
James Forrest,	"	4.00
S. P. Finnegan,	commissioner.....	223.18
Willard Massey,	"	203.42

C. H. Drew, commissioner and supplies	$302.37	
J. A. Stockwell, legal services	44.00	
E. B. White, expressing	.25	
W. J. Plummer	28.00	
		$7,935.30

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES.

Accounts.	Appro.	Receipts.	Expended.	Unexpended	Overdrawn.
Almshouse and Poor	$5,000.00	$1,786.26	$8,085.93	.....	$1,299.67
Armory and Range	.....	595.97	863.25	.....	267.28
Board of Health	200.00	.....	162.25	$37.75	.....
Water Committee	1,000.00	.....	912.28	87.72	.....
Concrete	200.00	.....	164.97	35.03	.....
State Aid	.....	.....	3,901.50	.....	.....
Military Aid	200.00	.....	416.00	.....	.....
County and State Tax	.....	.....	14,828.61	.....	.....
Town of Wakefield	302.22	.....	302.22	.....	.....
Tax Sale	62.85	.....	62.85	.....	.....
Water for Public Buildings	319.20	.....	319.20	.....	.....
Decorating Soldier's Graves	250.00	.....	242.04	7.96	.....
Electric Lights	3,000.00	.....	2,776.63	223.37	.....
Hydrants	2,645.00	.....	2,640.00	5.00	.....
Interest	7,440.00	169.88	6,905.34	704.54	.....
Debt	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00	.....	.....
Notes, Temporary	*15,000.00	67,200.00	55,000.00	‡27,200.00	.....
Printing	425.00	.....	425.00	.....	.....
Fire Department	4,000.00	.....	3,989.00	11.00	.....
Highways	4,000.00	.....	3,994.54	5.46	.....
Park Roads	5,000.00	.....	4,997.07	2.93	.....
Highway Contingent and Snow	750.00	.....	746.05	3.95	.....
Miscellaneous	4,500.00	.....	4,498.06	1.94	.....

Library	650.00	591.75	1,216.03	25.72	.....
Lindenwood Cemetery	400.00	336.70	714.97	21.73	.....
William Street Cemetery	75.00	.....	65.93	9.07	.....
Police	2,300.00	181.00	2,470.46	10.54	.....
Schools, Salaries, Janitors and Fuel	17,800.00	.....	18,275.28	.....	475.28
" Tuition	500.00	.....	452.50	47.50	.....
" Water Closet	1,300.00	.....	1,297.18	2.82	.....
" Secretary	125.00	.....	125.00	.....	.....
" Incidentals and Books	2,800.00	3.16	2,668.83	134.33	.....
Soldiers' Relief	2,500.00	373.75	3,397.04	.....	523.29
Town Officers	4,025.00	.....	3,491.80	533.20	.....
Care of Lots in Cemetery	.....	.....	93.75	.....	.....
			160,501.56		

* Outstanding March 1897. ‡ Outstanding March 1898.

SEWER ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance March 1897	$892.15
Received of Stoneham National Bank for interest	31.87
" for 15 bonds, Nos. 89 to 103 inclusive	15,000.00
" " premiums on same	856.68
" of B. & M. R. R., damages to freight	3.75
" " P. J. Regan, Jr., dynamite and explosives	5.09
" " H. Meegan " " "	8.15
" " Quimby & Ferguson, repairing streets	56.95
" " Lindenwood Cemetery for pipe	1.36
" " W. Massey, 6 bbls. cement	5.76
" " Chas. Stone for cost of house connection	21.63
" " O. Gilmore " " "	50.62
" " C. H. Drew " " "	26.38
" " C. W. Arnold " " "	55.02
" " C. H. Walker " " "	25.88
" " J. M. Thompson " " "	30.98
" " F. Badger " " "	20.93
" " H. Boyce " " "	28.99
" " P. Cogan " " "	26.12
" " G. E. Kenson " " "	23.04
" " A. S. Hovey " " "	30.07
" " A. Gerry " " "	36.68
" " Est. M. A. Dow repairing " "	6.67
" " M. H. McKenna cost " "	24.12
" " F. E. Park " " "	31.85
" " F. W. Spencer " " "	72.43
" " M. Mullaley " " "	57.64
" " S. P. Finnegan " " "	18.27
" " B. H. Cogan " " "	53.28
" " Langwood Park Land Co " "	1,767.41
" " Martha Berry cost " "	26.55
" " Congregational Society " "	23.38
" " A. Deferrari cost " "	59.12
" " F Hay " " "	23.33
" " J. J. Claffy " " "	21.34
" " P. G. Webber " " "	32.92
" " H. G. Rowe " " "	37.26
" " L. Dike " " "	31.38

Received of	A. W. Arnold	cost of house connection		.....	$18.89
"	" E. M. Brown	"	"	"	28.19
"	" W. Tidd	"	"	"	61.44
"	" A. W. Merrow	"	"	"	15.72
"	" School Com.	"	"	"	94.45
"	" J. Steele	"	"	"	115.47
"	" P. Doherty	"	"	"	48.02
"	" C. Childs	"	"	"	43.98
"	" C. W. Tidd	"	"	"	61.54
"	" O. Rowell	"	"	"	17.14
"	" H. Boyce & Son	"	"	"	14.58
"	" E. B. Lawrence	"	"	"	16.87
"	" C. N. Wood repairing		"	"	4.25
"	" L. C. King	cost	"	"	10.76
"	" Est. J. C. Chase	"	"	"	15.97
"	" M. Hutchinson	"	"	"	18.81
"	" C. Libby	"	"	"	28.47
"	" A. A. Chase	"	"	"	15.51
"	" W. Massey	"	"	"	17.19
"	" S. G. Sweetser	"	"	"	35.28
"	" C. B. Melvin	"	"	"	15.24
"	" O. R. Fowle	"	"	"	32.17
"	" M. H. McKenna	"	"	"	19.02
"	" C. H. Brown	"	"	"	18.45
"	" F. Lewis	"	"	"	16.22
"	" P. C. Thompson	"	"	"	14.31
"	" W. S. Brown	"	"	"	19.80
"	" Stoneham Savings Bank	"	"	.....	9.19
"	" D. S. Davis	"	"	"	25.96
"	" H. A. McKeen	"	"	"	23.36
					$20,401.30

CR.

Bills paid as per Auditor's and Sewer Committees Reports.		$19,410.06
Balance on hand	in bank $594.54 on hand 396.70	991.24
		$20,401.30

TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1897	$2,279.28
Received from Stoneham National Bank interest	76.89
" " J. T. Nowell auctioneer's license	2.00
" " Silas Dean " " 96-97	4.00
" " W. D. Maguire " "	2.00
" " E. C. Hodsdon " "	2.00
" " F. G. Wiley butcher's "	1.00
" " C. Corbett " "	1.00
" " State, cities, and towns on account poor	467.63
" " " " " " " Soldier's Relief	373.75
" " concrete 1896	112.51
" " armory rent	165.00
" " " Co. H armorer's services	30.97
" " " state	400.00
" " fines, police account	181.00
" " materials sold from gravel pit	2.25
" " state for corporation tax	1646.73
" " " " National bank tax	537.15
" " " " military aid	214.00
" " " " state aid	3,584.00
" " net proceeds of tax sale in 1895	125.00
" " Almshouse receipts	1,318.63
" " joint water board taxes on Spot Pond land	333.89
" " state aid returned	16.00
" " sale of school books	3.16
" " Geo. N. Green, office receipts	66.55
" " old fire hose	2.00
" " R. R. Goss, merry go round license	10.00
" " Ward & Lee circus	10.00
" " Public Library fines and catalogues	43.00
" " " " interest on note	6.00
" " dog license	585.75
" " accrued interest on sewer bonds sold	169.88
" " Lindenwood Cemetery lots	239.40
" " " " single graves	8.00
" " " " wood and grass	35.30
" " " " water (net)	47.20

Received from town notes	$67,200.00
" " S. M. Skinner exr. fund for S. D. Hersam lots	100.00
" " Archam Hawkins " " E. D. Hawkins "	200.00
" " Toppan & Gould exrs. " T. Richardson "	200.00
" " A. W. Rice collector account 1897 tax	56,605.26
" " " " " 1897 interest	40.39
" " " " " 1897 abatements	991.17
" " " " " 1896 tax	19,280.92
" " " " " 1896 interest	750.13
" " " " " 1896 abatements	426.15
" " " " " 1895 tax	4,476.28
" " " " " 1895 interest	464.90
" " " " " 1895 abatements	55.36
" " " " " 1894 tax	576.35
" " " " " 1894 interest	53.79
" " " " " 1894 abatements	882.79
	$165,360.41
	CR.
Bills paid as per auditors' report	$160,501.56
A. W. Rice, abatements 1897	991.17
" " " 1896	426.15
" " " 1895	55.36
" " " 1894	882.79
Cash in bank	1811.44
" on hand	691.94
	$165,360.41
Balance on hand state school fund	44.98

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEMANDS ON INTEREST.

Date.	To Whom Given.	Purpose,	Rate.	Due.	Amount.
Feb. 14, 1898.	Stoneham Sc. Savings Bank.	Antic. of taxes.	4	March 31, 1898.	$2200
Dec. 10, 1897.	Rogers, Newman & Tolman.	" "	2.78	April 11, 1898.	5000
"	" "	" "	2.83	May 10, 1898.	5000
Dec. 1, 1897.	" "	" "	3	June 1, 1898.	5000
Dec. 10, 1897.	" "	" "	2.88	" 10, 1898.	5000
Dec. 29, 1797.	Chas. Weil & Co.	" "	3	" 29, 1898.	5000
Jan. 9, 1892.	Stoneham Sc. Savings Bank.	General purposes.	4.25	Jan. 9, 1899.	5000
June 10, 1890.	" "	" "	4	June 10, 1900.	10000
Feb. 20, 1892.	" "	" "	4	Feb. 20, 1901.	5000
June 9, 1892.	" "	" "	4	June 9, 1902.	10000
June 14, 1892.	Stoneham Public Library.	Library "	6	Demand.	100
June 1, 1894.	Curtis & Motley,	General "	4	June 1, 1904.	5000
Dec. 1, 1895.	" "	" "	4	Dec. 1, 1905.	5000
Dec. 1, 1896.	Blake Bros. & Co.	" "	4	" 1906.	5000
July 18, 1894.	Stoneham National Bank.	Armory "	4	July 18, 1898.	1000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1899.	1000
"	Stoneham Sc. Savings Bank.	" "	4	" 1900.	1000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1901.	1000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1902.	1000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1903.	1000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1904.	1000
June 1, 1896.	Sold to highest bidder.	Sewer "	4	June 1, 1898.	4000
"	" "	" "	4	" 1899.	4000

"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1900.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1901.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1902.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1903.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1904.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1905.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1906.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1907.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1908.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1909.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1910.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1911.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1912.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1913.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1914.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1915.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1916.	4000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1917.	5000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1918.	5000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1919.	5000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1920.	5000
"	"	"	"	"	4	"	1921.	3000
								$178300

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of notes for 1897 report		$161,100.00
Of which the following have been paid viz:		
Note dated May 21, 1897, anticipation note	$5,000.00	
" " June 19, 1897, " "	5,000.00	
" " July 19, 1897, " "	5,000.00	
Bonds " June 1, 1897, sewer purposes	4,000.00	
Note " July 18, 1897, armory "	1,000.00	
" " Jan. 9, 1898, general "	5,000.00	
		$25000.00
		$136,100.00
The following are new ones viz:		
Anticipation note due March 31, 1898	$2,200.00	
" " " April 11, 1898	5,000.00	
" " " May 10, 1898	5,000.00	
" " " June 1, 1898	5,000.00	
" " " " 10, 1898	5,000.00	
" " " " 29, 1898	5,000.00	
Sewer bonds " " 1, 1918	2.000.00	
" " " " 1919	5,000.00	
" " " " 1920	5,000.00	
" " " " 1921	3,000.00	
		$42,200.00
		$178,300.00
Amount of present list divided as follows:		
Anticipation of 1897 taxes	$27,200.00	
General	45,000.00	
Armory	7,000.00	
Library	100.00	
Sewer	99,000.00	
		$178,300.00
Due from uncollected taxes	$47,228.25	
Cash on hand	691.84	
" in bank, regular	1,811.54	
" " " sewer	594.54	
" on hand "	396.70	
		$50,722.87
Net balance against town, 1898		$127,577.13
" " " " 1897		$116,527.95

FELLOW CITIZENS:

I would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year namely:

For payment of debt regular	$6,000.00
" " " " sewer	4,000.00
" " " interest regular	3,500.00
" " " sewer regular	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. NICKERSON, Town Treasurer.

STONEHAM, FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of F. E. Nickerson, Treasurer of the Town of Stoneham and find that he has received and paid the following amounts viz:

Received on sewer accounts	$20,401.30
Paid " " "	19,410.06
Balance on hand "	$991.24
Received on regular accounts	$165,360.41
Paid on regular accounts including abatements	162,857.03
Balance on hand	$2,503.38
" " " state school fund	$44.98

The total amount on hand viz: $3,539.60 we find as follows:

Cash	$1,133.52
In Stoneham National Bank as shown by certificate from said bank	2,406.08
	$3,539.60

T. S. IRELAND,
F. H. CHASE,
Auditors.

Town Warrant.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To OTIS BUCKNAM, Constable of the Town of Stoneham, in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Armory, in said Stoneham, on

Monday, March Seventh,

A. D. 1898, at 6.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, three Constables, two Auditors, Collector of Taxes and one Water Commissioner, all for one year; also one Water Commissioner for two years; also one Park Commissioner for two years to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of William H. Marden from said Park Commission; also one School Committee, one Sewer Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health, two Trustees of the Public Library, one Park Commissioner all for three years; also one Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery for five years; also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot, in accordance with votes of the town and Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon, and to choose committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing and make appropriations for the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for repairs and decoration of soldiers' graves.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the purchase of books for the Public Library.

Article 8. To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for the license of dogs.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to grant the free use of Armory hall to Post 75, G. A. R., six evenings in the coming year, when not otherwise engaged.

Article 13. To see if the town will reimburse Arthur W. Rice, Collector of Taxes, for expenses incurred in suit of B. F. Briggs brought to quiet title on account of sale of property for taxes for the year 1892, or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to refund to Carrie S. Pinkim the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being one-half the amount deposited by her with the town; the remaining one hundred and twenty-five dollars to remain with the town, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of lot 557 in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to buy 1000 feet of hose for the use of the Fire Department and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to setlet the suit brought by B. F. Briggs against said town, by accepting said Briggs' offer of compromise or what instructions the town will give said Selectmen in the matter.

Article 17. To see what action the town will take towards completing the new street running southerly from Franklin Street to Hancock Street, through land of Christina A. Fitzgerald and others.

Article 18. To see what action the town will take towards raising money to pay the damages and costs in the case of Christina A. Fitzgerald against the Town of Stoneham.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to empowering the Selectmen to transfer, and set over to the Metropolitan Park Commission, the care, control and custody, including police protection, of the following streets, namely: Main Street, from its junction with South Street, to the Medford line; South Street, from its junction with said Main Street, to Pond Street; Pond Street, from its junction with South Street, to the Melrose line; Ravine Road, from its junction with Pond Street, to Woodland Road and Woodland Road from its junction with Pond Street, to the Medford line.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to build a retaining wall on Main Street, abutting land of Thomas Pears, and appropriate money for the same.

Article 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing Montvale Avenue, by macadamizing and paving gutters from Main Street to Lindenwood Station, or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to set apart $1000 of the highway appropriation, to be used for crushing stone for repairing streets, or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1000 to repair crusher plant by adding elevator and bins, or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 24. To see if the town will appoint a committee to revise the By-Laws of the town or do anything in relation to the same.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to purchase the Andrew Hines estate on Elm Street, adjoining the Town Farm, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 26. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature for authority to pay Charles B. Carlin fifty-one dollars and seventy-two cents ($51.72), that being the sum of taxes he has paid in Stoneham from 1883 to 1896 inclusive, on land he did not own

Article 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a gravel sidewalk on the south side of Marble Street, from Main Street to Park Street.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to build a gravel sidewalk on William Street from Main Street to the Woburn town line and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 29. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $1000 for the payment of expenses which may be incurred by the Water Commissioners in making investigations in the matter of the town entering the Metropolitan Water System.

And you are directed to have one hundred copies of this Warrant printed, and to serve the same by posting up twenty-five attested copies as follows, viz: One at each of the Meeting-houses and School-houses in said Town, and the residue of the twenty-five copies in conspicuous places in different sections of said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The remaining seventy-five copies you are required to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid, for distribution.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight,

WILLIAM H. SPRAGUE,
SIDNEY A. HILL,
DAVID T. STRANGE. } Selectmen of Stoneham.

A true copy, ATTEST, OTIS BUCKNAM, Constable.

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